

Welcome

December 14, 2025



If you are visiting with us this morning, please take a moment and complete a **C.A.R.E.** card and drop it in the offering plate **OR** scan the **QR** code.



Morning Worship

“Joy To the World”

Lighting of Advent Candles

Welcome and Prayer

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

“Holy Forever”

Offertory Prayer:

Offertory Music: Parise Ladies “Rejoice With Exceeding Great Joy”

Message: Know Jesus Know Joy

Luke 2:4-14

Invitation: “What a Beautiful Name”

Benediction:

Postlude:

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, 12/14 – Church Council, following service
- Sunday, 12/14 - Children & Youth Christmas Party 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Wednesday, 12/17 4:30 - Churchwide Caroling
- Sunday, 12/21 at 6:00 - A night of Praise - churchwide event
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:30 pm

○ **Tithe and Offering as of last Sunday: \$5707.92**

Lottie Moon Goal: \$3,500 – Current \$325

Greeters: Hope McSwain & Nina Willis

Next Week – 12/21: Carolyn Hester & Dennis Shull

Join us to celebrate Ann's 90th Birthday!

Date: Saturday, December 27

Time 6:00 pm

Location: Zoar's Family Life Center

PLEASE RSVP By December 21st to Lyn @ 704-300-2386



Sermon Title: Know Jesus, Know Joy

Text: Luke 2:4–14 (CSB)

Main Idea: Joy is not found in a season, but in a Savior.

**No Jesus, no joy.
Know Jesus, know joy.**

Point 1 – Thank God for _____

- God wrapped His joy in a **family**.
- God uses **ordinary, imperfect** people who simply say “**yes**” to Him.
- Every child needs more than someone who **brings** them into the world; they need someone who will **walk** with them in the world.
- God often builds His biggest blessings on the back of everyday **obedience**.

Point 2 – He’s Here: _____ Yourself Accordingly

- The good news first came to the **shepherds** out in the **fields**.
- The angel announces “**good news of great joy**.”
- This joy is for **all people** – including me.
- “A Savior was born **for you**” – this is not just information; it calls for a **response**.

Governing myself by the gospel looks like:

- Bringing my **fear** to Him instead of letting it rule me.
- Letting His “good news” be louder than my worst **news**.
- Treating Jesus as the **center** of my life, not an optional accessory.

Point 3 – A Party Like This One!

- Heaven **breaks out** in praise because **Jesus is here**.
- The angels’ song has two themes:
 - “Glory to God” – God’s **glory**.
 - “Peace on earth” – our **peace** with God.
- Heaven is celebrating not just what has happened, but what is going to happen – the cross, the empty tomb, the gift of the **Spirit**, and your salvation story.
- **Our joy is not based on the absence of problems, but on the presence of Jesus.**

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