

Advent – 2023
Luke 2:10-15
“Decide on Joy”
December 17, 2023

Question of the Day:

What gives you joy?

Questions to ask yourself:

Where do you find your joy? / What sparks joy for you? / Where is your happy place?

**Christian Joy is a profound decision of faith and hope in the power of Jesus’
own life and love – In His death and resurrection**

Verses to remember:

*“Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news that will cause great joy for all the people.** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”*

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”
- Luke 2:10-15

The father of a righteous child has great joy: a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him. May your father and mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!

- Proverbs 23:24-25

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children."

- Luke 10:21

*We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; **sorrowful, yet always rejoicing**; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.*

- 2 Cor 6:3-10