

WORSHIP *Together*

BETHEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 12, 2021

Prelude: Christmas Offering

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song:

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Call to Worship:

What are you waiting for?

Light shines on the righteous, and JOY on the upright heart. REJOICE in the LORD, you who are righteous, And praise His holy name

Where is your JOY?

Sing for JOY to God our strength;
Shout aloud to the God of Jacob!
You make known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with JOY in your presence.

Joy? Even in pain or questions?

In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing JOY and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. Let me hear JOY and gladness; let the bones you have crushed REJOICE. Restore to me the Joy of your salvation, And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

JOY comes with our salvation!

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout for JOY to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song. With JOY you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Splendour and majesty are before Him; strength and JOY are in His dwelling place.

What are you waiting for?

Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Advent Candle Lighting

Advent is a time of waiting. We wait HOPE.

(the first candle is lit)

We wait in PEACE.

(the second candle is lit)

As we wait, we are filled with joy – not because our lives are perfect, not because we don't have any struggles, but because we find our strength in God, the God of our salvation. We are joyful because God sent God's Son, Jesus Christ, into this world so we may be saved.

Today we light the candle of JOY. As we wait, let us be people of joy.

(the third candle is lit)

Advent Hymn

God's Greeting

Baptism: Mia Margaret Almey

Song: "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Message:

[Soar on wings like eagles.mp4](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Isaiah 40:27-31

Message:

"Waiting for Strength"

Song of Response:

"Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

Prayers of the People

Offering: Bethel Budget & Advent Collection

Online Update

We will be livestreaming to our Facebook page via this link: [Facebook link](#) and on YouTube via this link:

[You tube channel](#)

You can also watch it later thru Vimeo, on Wightman TV, or through our [website](#).

Sending Song: "Adore"

Parting Blessing

Closing Praise: "Adore"

