



**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS**

**Isaiah 12:2-6**

**PSALM LESSON**

**Psalms 47:1-7**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Ken Goodrich

**Today we explore the profound and transformative joy that we find in our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**But how do we understand this joy more fully and how it can shape our lives?**

- The source of joy we experience as Christians is rooted in our relationship with Jesus Christ.
- One of the primary sources of our joy is the salvation we have received through Jesus.
  - The Psalm text this morning tells us how to rejoice.
- The God of our celebration and joy moves us to find joy in our fellowship together.
  - We find great joy in serving others in the name of Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit plays a crucial role in our experience of joy. The joy we find in Christ is multifaceted and deeply enriching. It is a joy that comes from our salvation, sustains us through trials, flourishes in fellowship, grows through serving, and is nurtured by the Holy Spirit.

**\* HYMN #93**

**“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

TRURO

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**from the Confession of 1967**

**Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY**

**“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”**

arr. by Faye Lopez

**\* RESPONSE TO OFFERING**

**“Advent Doxology”**

IRBY

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\* HYMN #80**

**“The Trees of the Field”**

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* SENDING SONG**

**“Our Church’s Mission”**

Redding & Goodrich

**\* AFFIRMATION OF GOD’S GOODNESS**

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**\* POSTLUDE**

**“Ye Nations All, on You I Call”**

arr. by Todd Beaney

## Announcements

3rd Sunday of Advent – *Joy*



**Youth Cake Auction Today FH**

*Family Christmas Party*

**A Community Event – All are Invited**

**Friday, December 20th 6:30pm - 8pm**

**Sunday School - (9:30am) Montgomery SS Class: RM106 – Jay Fraser & Jennifer Renfroe**  
PreK to 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Joan Goodrich - Children – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade: RM104 – Lisa Smith  
Youth 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade: RM202 – Johnny Brown

**Committee Meetings: Tuesday – (4:30pm) RM106: Finance**

**Bible Studies – Tuesday (Women) 10am FH: In-person & on-line**

**Wednesday (Men) 12noon FH: In-person only (rsvp to the office for lunch)**

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinner Dec. 4, (5:45pm) FH: Join us for *Texas Cowboy Stew***

**Life Groups: Monday - Joy Seekers: (4pm) RM106**

**Wednesday – Inklings: (4:30pm) RM104**

**Salt & Light: (6:30pm) RM106**

**Heinz 57: (6:30pm) RM104**

**Youth – Sunday & Wednesday (6:30pm) FH**

**Wednesday – (6:30pm) S: Choir Rehearsal**

**Friday – (8am) IHOP: Men's Breakfast (see Larry Elshoff)**

**(6:30pm-8pm) *Family Christmas Party***

**Next Sundays – \*Youth Christmas Party\***

**Scouts – Monday (6:30pm) EB: Scout Girls Troop 9085**

**(6:30pm) EB: Scouts Den Mtg**

**(7pm) Scout Hut: Scout Troop 85**

# Prayer List

1. All affected by Hurricanes Helene & Milton
2. Bereaved family & friends of Mildred Anderson (Mark Kirby's friend)
3. Graham Anthony
4. Judy Benvenuti
5. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
6. **Dennis Carpenter (Bev Anthony's family-friend)**
7. Doris Clark
8. Kathy Cook
9. James Elliott (Roger & Ann Elliott's son)
10. Betsy Ellis (Herb Ellis's sister)
11. Ruth Fraser (Jay Fraser's mother)
12. Aaron Frazier (Jennie Bryan's friend)
13. Shelby Gavellas (Judy Benvenuti's granddaughter)
14. Eve Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's older sister)
15. Shawn Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's father)
16. **Sol Gonzalez (Nikki Hubler's grandmother)**
17. Alison Goodrich
18. **Kim Green (Debbie Baugh's sister)**
19. Marlene Henderson (Don & Julia Baggeett's daughter-in-law's mother)
20. Joanne Hudson
21. Racheal Jones
22. Pastor Ken & family
23. Marie Kennon
24. **Reda LaNinfa (Ginney Rankin's friend)**
25. Katherine Lyle (Nikki Hubler's mother-in-law)
26. Ashley McDavid (David Clark's granddaughter)
27. Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity
28. Mr. McGuire (Art Grover's friend)
29. Drew & Meg Mann (Goodrich family friends)
30. Noah (Johnny Brown's Montreat friend)
31. People of the Middle East
32. **Marcia O'Leary (Debbie Baugh's sister)**
33. Pete Peterson
34. Elaine Phillips
35. Ralph Phillips
36. Bereaved family & friends of Jim Roberts
37. James Sanford (Jordan Green's co-worker's father)
38. John Schnapp
39. Ria, Lisandra & Rianne Seecharan (Stephen Seecharan's family)
40. Joshua Sprinkel (Nikki Hubler's friend's son)
41. Don Stevens (Tommy Whigham's friend)
42. Ann VanDenburgh
43. Howard Whitaker
44. Paul Williams (David Clark's son-in-law)

*God of Comfort, God of Grace, and God of Love we pray for your mercy, healing and comfort for those above, as you hold them, and their loved ones close to you. We pray that in your presence their hearts may know and feel your love, presence, hope and kindness in the midst of their troubles. In Jesus Christ we pray, AMEN. Thank you for keeping them in your daily prayers.*

## **Birthdays:**

Clarence Brown 12/15    Dalton Weatherford 12/15  
Richard Gearhardt 12/16    Milner Osborne 12/16  
Bev Anthony 12/18    Diane St. John 12/19  
Robley Ann George 12/20    Brylynn Glass 12/20  
Vicki Shanks 12/21

## **Anniversary:**

Harold & Marrae MacDonald 12/19

**Become a member:** If you would like to become a member, please let Pastor Ken know after worship, or if you are online and would like to become a member, please go to our website [fpclc.org](http://fpclc.org) and scroll down to Membership at the bottom of the page.