

*TODAY'S MESSAGE:*

*Good Tidings,*

**GREAT JOY**

*ISAIAH 12:2-6*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

# **The Joy of the Lord is my Strength!**

***Do not grieve, for the joy of the  
Lord is your strength.***

**Nehemiah 8:10**

**With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.**

**Isaiah 12:3-6**

**In that day you will say:**

**“Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done,  
and proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;  
let this be known to all the world.**

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,  
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”**

*“I sometimes wonder if all pleasures  
are not substitutes for joy.”*

**- C.S. Lewis**

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:4-6

***“It’s easy to get discouraged about unpleasant circumstances or to take unimportant events too seriously. If you haven’t been joyful lately, let the Holy Spirit remind you that true joy is found in the Lord and the promise of his second coming.”***

**- Life Application Bible**

*Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

**1 Peter 1:8-9**

**“What should we do then?” the crowd asked.**

**John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”**

**Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”**

**“Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.**

**Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”**

**He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”**

**The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.**

**Luke 3:10-15**



**WE ARE THEY!**

**When we do things for Jesus and  
others (Good Tidings, Good News)  
our level of Joy (Great Joy) will rise!**