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## JOY: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**LEADER:** Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and our focus is JOY. God's Spirit bears the fruit of joy, and that joy is made complete when we live in the fullness of a relationship with Jesus Christ. Joy is a gift from God. Our tongues should be filled with shouts of joy for the great things God has done for us. So let us be joyful, receiving and transmitting the glory of God.

**CONGREGATION:** We are vessels of the joy of the Lord. Let our singing and weeping and dancing and laughter project this joy, for we will not extinguish the Spirit of God within us.

- *(Light one pink and two purple candles.)*

**LEADER:** The brightness of God's Light fills us with joy. We rejoice today that we are witnesses of the Light. God calls us to transmit God's joy in the solemn and broken places in the world.

**ALL:** Rejoice always. Let our mouths be filled with laughter as we await the coming of the Lord. Behold He comes, the true light of the world! *Amen!*