JOY: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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LEADER: Sing! Shout! Dance! Rejoice and exult with all your heart! Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice!

RESPONSE: We rejoice in the expectation; we rejoice in the waiting. We will sing and dance through the night, because joy comes in the morning.

LEADER: With joy we can draw water from the wells of salvation. With joy we can find strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. With joy, we can move our bodies and our minds toward thanksgiving.

RESPONSE: We rejoice in the expectation; we rejoice in the waiting. We will sing and dance through the night, because joy comes in the morning.

LEADER: Restore to us, O God, the joy of life with You. Remind us that joy is indeed our strength, and that Your joy sustains us.

Light two purple candles and the pink candle.

ALL: We light a candle of joy today, believing in the promises of God. The morning comes soon, and we will call upon God’s name and we will make praise be known among the nations. Amen.