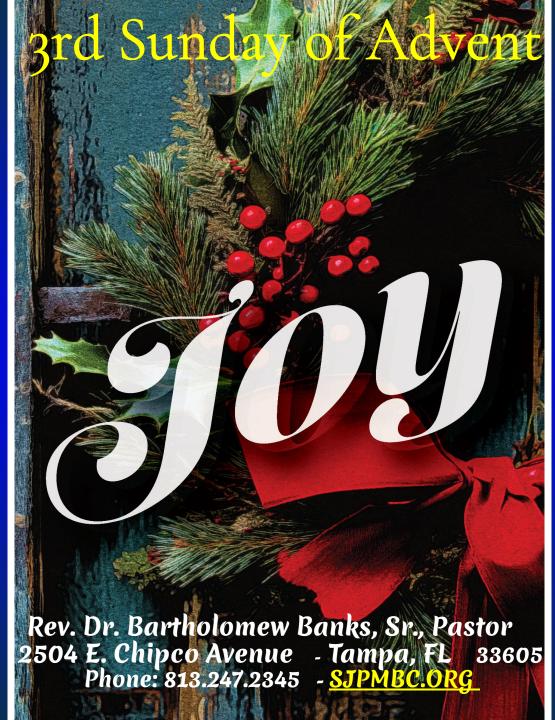
St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church December 15, 2024



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The **Third Sunday** of Advent, we remember the **JOY** Jesus brings to us and to all people. This candle reminds us of the angel's good news of great joy told to the shepherds. This candle is traditionally pink/rose, a shift from the more solemn tone to a more joyous atmosphere of anticipation and expectation.



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. -Luke 2:8-11

Early Mouning Worship Service 8:00 a.m.

Musical Prelude	Musicians	
Call to Worship	Psalm 122:1-2	
I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.		
Praise Service	Praise Team	
Invocation	Pulpit/Deacons	
Responsive Reading (Please Stand)	Appointee/Congregation	
(Luke 3:2в-6, 15-18)		
Selections	Choir	
Sermon	Pastor Banks	
Invitation to Discipleship	Pastor Banks	
Worship in Giving	Deacons/Ushers	
Offertory Scripture	Malachi 3:10	
Acknowledgement of Visitors	Pastor Banks/Greeter	
Announcements	Church Clerk/Appointee	
Remarks/Benediction	Pastor Banks	

Mouning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Musical Prelude	Musicians
Call to Worship	Psalm 122:1-2
I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.	
Devotion	
Selection	Choir
Mission and Education Offering	Deacons/Ushers
Doxology	Choir and Congregation
Responsive Reading (Please Stand)	Appointee/Congregation
(Luke 3:2в-6, 15-18)	
Selections	Choir
Pastoral Remarks	Pastor Banks
Worship in Giving	Deacons/Ushers
Offertory Scripture	Malachi 3:10
Congregational Hymn #63	"The First Noel"
Sermon	Pastor Banks
Invitation to Discipleship	Pastor Banks
Intercessory Prayer	Pulpit
Acknowledgement of Visitors	Pastor Banks/Greeter
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Responsive Reading: Luke 3:28-6, 15-18

LEADER:

^{2b} The word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

CONGREGATION:

³ And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

LEADER:

⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

CONGREGATION:

⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

LEADER:

⁶ And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Luke 3:28-6, 15-18

CONGREGATION:

¹⁵ And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;

LEADER:

¹⁶ John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

CONGREGATION:

¹⁷ Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

<u> ALL-TOGETHER :</u>

¹⁸ And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.

Today:

Sunday School Appreciation Breakfast - after 8am service Lady Banks' Recital & Christmas Program - 4pm

December 17th: Outing - District Congress @ Faith Temple
 M.B. Church, 2916 Orient Rd, Tampa - 7pm
 Male Chorus will accompany Pastor

December 25th Merry Christmas!

- December 29th: Unity Service: Combined Sunday School 8am Worship Service @ 9:30am
- December 31st: Watch Night Service @ 9:30pm



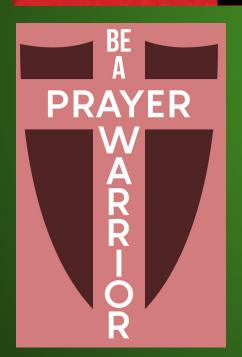
JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY PRAYER C'AT.T.

EVERY THURSDAY 7:30 P.M.





Prayer Request Line: 1-520-525-8790
No access code required



If you're interested in facilitating or praying on one of the weekly calls, just let us know.

Simply call the office:

@ 813.247.2345.

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Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Today's Promise for You

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.

~Revelation 1:3

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Offcost people avoid the book of Revelation, with its mysterious prophecies and images of destruction. But, right off the bat, it promises happiness to anyone who will read it, hear it read, and obey what it says.

With an offer like that, why wouldn't you study the Revelation?

Daily Word: Joy

My Advent Journey Leads Me To Joy

There is a stirring in the air that calls me to rejoice. The imminent birth of the Christ into humanity is an exciting time. Joy is the welcoming of unconditional love and the deep knowing it is the birthright of all the world's beings. It is the awe felt at the birth of a baby, the scent of crisp, clean air, or watching a comet flame across the night sky. These are some of the wonders that bring me joy.

I need not wait for these serendipitous happenings to awaken my joy. As I have embarked on the Advent journey, I have grown in faith, peace, and love. With joy, my Advent journey is nearing completion. This wonderful feeling of deep contentment, a full heart, and tranquil mind leads to the expectancy of the birth of the Christ within, the greatest gift I could receive.



When they saw the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. —Matthew 2:10



