

Welcome to Roseville

We Are Honored by Your Presence

Sunday, December 15, 2024 - 10:30 A.M.

Vision to Victory 2024

Theme: Divine Disruption

Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

OPENING SONG:

Worship Leader: Elder Bruce Butts

Good morning, church family! Today, we're reminded that God's help often comes with a challenge: the call to change direction. When we turn toward God, joy is the result. Let us prepare our hearts to worship the God who helps us turn our lives around and leads us to new joy.

Please stand for our call to worship

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Ask Congregants to Stand if Able)*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again,
I say, rejoice!

Congregation: **We come before God with joyful
hearts, ready to worship.**

Leader: The Lord is near, bringing help to all who
call on the Lord.

Congregation: **We seek His guidance to turn
our lives toward Him.**

Leader: Let us worship the God of joy, who
transforms our hearts and lives.

Congregation: **We lift our voices in praise and
thanksgiving!**

Advent reminds us that joy is more than a feeling—it's a gift from God that sustains us, even in the hard places of life. Today, as we light the candle of Joy, we reflect on how God's presence calls us to action and fills us with hope and gladness, no matter the challenges we face. Let us prepare our hearts to receive this gift of joy.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (JOY)

The Bush Family

(Lighting of the first Advent candle - JOY)

Joy is more than a fleeting feeling—it's the deep, abiding confidence that God is at work in our lives. As we sing this next song, let us celebrate the joy that comes from walking in the Lord's light.

***SONG OF WORSHIP**

As we continue in worship, let us take a moment to center our hearts and invite God's Spirit to lead us. Let us pray.

MORNING PRAYER | INVOCATION:

(Lay Leader – Not In Unison)

Elder Butts

Lord of joy, we come before You with open hearts, ready to be transformed by Your love and guidance. Help us to hear Your call and respond with faith and action. Fill us with the joy that comes from walking in Your ways. Amen.

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Elder Butts

Good morning and welcome! We're delighted to have you join us for worship today, whether in person or online. To our first-time guests, a special welcome - we're honored you've chosen to spend time with us.

For our online community, we invite you to fully engage in this worship experience. Subscribe to our YouTube channel or like our Facebook page to stay connected, receive updates on events, and access weekly messages and devotionals. Your engagement helps us extend our reach and share God's love with more people.

For everyone here today, we have a guest connection card [show card] for prayer requests or ministry interest. In-person worshippers can place it in the offering plate later or in the designated basket as you exit worship at the conclusion of our service. Online viewers can type "I want to connect" in the comments.

Let's welcome one another. Please wave and smile at those around you, and online viewers, drop a greeting in the comments. As our choir leads us, feel free to greet one another and complete your connection cards.

We're grateful for each of you and pray God's blessings upon you as we worship together. Now, let's continue in worship as our choir leads us in song!

**SELECTION AFTER WELCOME |
Congregation Friendly | ("I've got joy, joy, joy down in my heart")**

***** ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

***PASTORAL CONCERNS** (Mission statement)

We believe God is calling the Roseville Presbyterian Church to be:

"A welcoming congregation committed to respond to Christ's call to nurture and develop leaders, engage and embrace our community through worship, service, and love while passionately spreading the gospel to impact lives."

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER*

PRAYER RESPONSE (SONG/MEDLEY)

MUSIC SELECTION

OFFERING

Call for Offering

Elder Butts

Giving is an act of joy, a response to the abundant blessings God pours into our lives. Let us give with joyful hearts, knowing that our gifts help bring hope and joy to others.

OFFERTORY SELECTION

"Give Thanks"

***Doxology:** "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...."

Prayer of Dedication

God of joy, we dedicate these gifts to You. Use them to bring hope and transformation to those in need.
Amen.

God's Word speaks to every season of our lives, inviting us to reflect, repent, and rejoice. Today's scripture reminds us of the joy that comes when we align our lives with God's call. Let us listen for God's voice in Luke 3:7-18.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 3:7-18(NRSV)

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of

repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

After this next selection we will have our message from our Rev. Marshall.

SERMONIC SELECTION

Choir

SERMON:

Rev. Touré Marshall

“Turn it Around”

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

BENEDICTION:

Go forth, making room for others as the Spirit makes room in our hearts. Go in peace and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Joyful Joyful we adore Thee”

*Congregational Response: “*Amen.*”

*POSTLUDE.

***Signifies all who are able; please stand.**

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