

## Service Information

### We Sing God's Praises (Old Books)

- 120 "O Come, All ye Faithful"  
141 "Away in a Manger"  
143 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"  
134 "Joy to the World"

### We Read God's Word

Our Reader today is Michelle Zimmerman

Responsive: Selection # 652

Scripture Lessons:

- Isaiah 61:1-3 (p. 651 in O.T.)  
Luke 2:15-20 (p. 51 in the N.T.)

### **The Message Today:**

#### **"In Advent We Celebrate Joy"**

As Luke records events around Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Christ he includes this testimony concerning the shepherds who had visited the new born child.

**The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.**

(Luke 2:20)



Today we continue our celebration of Advent. Each Sunday during Advent our service will open with the lighting of an Advent Candle reminding us of one of the central themes of this season.

"Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy." Psalm 47:1

We have reached the third Sunday in Advent. In addition to remembering hope and peace this Advent season is also a time to express our joy in what the Lord has done for us.

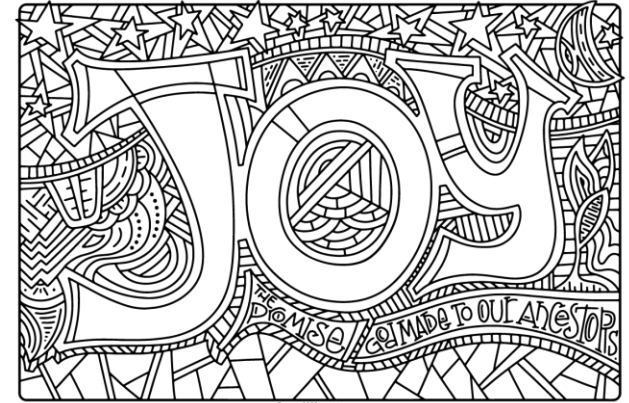
(We light this candle to express our joy.)

In Unison:

**We know that God intends us to find joy both in the living of our lives and in our relationship with him. We want to be a joyful people.**

Let us pray:

May the joy that the coming of Jesus Christ brought to the world fill our lives and shape our worship today. In the Messiah's name we pray. Amen.



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**Advent III**

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Please join us for coffee in Johnston Hall following the service.

Copies of a Daily devotional guide for Advent are available in Johnston Hall and you are welcome to take a copy.

**White Gifts.** Thank you for your White Gifts. Your gracious contributions of non perishable food items will be delivered to Neighbour to Neighbour for distribution in our community. This is a season when the needs are great and your gifts will enable them to continue their assistance to people with needs in the Hamilton area.



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[www.albertonchurch.ca](http://www.albertonchurch.ca)

*Advent 2019*  
*Alberton Church*

On each of the Sundays in Advent we will focus on one of the traditional Advent themes. The order in which we will feature them will be Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. At the commencement of each of the four Sundays we will light one of the candles in our Advent Wreath.

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. - Joy

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. - Love



On **Christmas Eve** we will gather for worship at 7 pm. This year we are making a special effort to promote this service. We will be inviting your assistance by inviting your friends and neighbours.

**Our Order of Service**

**Instrumental Opening Music**

Greetings and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting  
\* Hymn:  
Prayer of Invocation & Lord's Prayer  
\* Hymn:

Prayer  
Scripture:  
Responsive Reading:  
Scripture Lessons

\* Hymn:  
Sermon:

Offering  
\* Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Intercession

\* Hymn  
\* Benediction  
\* "Go Now in Peace" (words below)  
\* Threefold Choral Amen

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know he will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above,  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

**Instrumental Closing**

\* Congregation Standing.  
(For those who are comfortable to do so.)