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Our Interim Pastor



Why is the candle pink?

The third candle in the Advent wreath is not the same color as the others. Most of us would look at it and say, "It is pink." More appropriately, it could be described as the 'rose' candle – think of the song "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming." As I have been mentioning in worship, Advent is not supposed to be the happy pre-Christmas fest that our culture keeps pushing us to make it. Some even describe Advent as something like a little lent.

The third Sunday in this season is a bit different. In the older to the ancient church, it was described as Gaudete Sunday – meaning a Sunday of rejoicing. Yes, it is a season of preparation, of self-examination, and of making room for God in Christ. Nevertheless, it is also a season of anticipatory joy. This coming Sunday we will pay special attention to that sentiment.

While we don't often seem to hear the words 'joy' or 'rejoicing' outside of biblical reading or hymns, we certainly know what it means. Consider writing a list of what gives you joy, think about how that list might compare to lists others make. Remember, too, that someone probably rejoices in who you are, and what you do.

Joy and blessings,

J.T.

Joy is "grounded in God, who is the giver of joy. The term also has both an individual and societal aspect. It is not easy to separate the two because the speaker who rejoices is often reflecting the sentiments of the community, whether of Israel or the church." The Dictionary of the Bible and Religion, William H. Gentry General Editor, 1986 Abingdon Press, Nashville.

**You are cordially invited to a
Farewell Reception for J.T
Sunday December 19
Immediately following our 10:30 worship service.
Hosted by our Deacons
Fellowship Hall**

Angel Gifts

Please remember that your Angel Gifts are due this week.

All gifts should be wrapped and placed in a gift bag with the Angle number on the tag.

They can be dropped off at the church office during the week and we will collect them from there. If you would rather, I can do a porch pick-up for you; just give me a call at 812-205-9609.

Thank you.

Sabrina Holden



Please note that EPW will not meet
in January.



**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 12, immediately following our 10:30 worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect our new slate of church officers:

- Elders
- Deacons
- Trustees

We hope all who are able will attend.

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