

do justice • love tenderly • walk humbly with God Micah 6:8

### December 16, 2024

We begin all of our prayer in the presence of our loving Creator; because we are all created in the very image and likeness of God!

## As a Christian community, we know this:

# God tells us to Rejoice!

## Daily reflection:

(1 Thess 5:16-18)

"Brothers and sisters,

Always be joyful, and never stop praying.

- Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ.
- This is what God wants you to do."

# Daily decision for action...

God wants us to be joyful. Really!

God really wants us to be joyful.

Sometimes it is easy to be joyful.

Sometimes it's not so easy. Sometimes we have to choose to be joyful even if things around us don't seem so great.

We can choose to say something nice to someone or do something for them; when we do something for others, we can experience just a bit of God's joy and love.

### Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For the Church during this season of Advent, that our own joy will show God's love to the world.

For all nations in the world, for peace and respect among all people.

For parents and children in difficult circumstances, that they will find joy in the love of those around them.

For all of us, that we will spread the joy of God to everyone we meet.

Blessing: (the prayer of Aaron upon the people: Num. 6:23b–26)

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

May the Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

And we say together with all of the people of God:

Amen!