



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

**December 17, 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:**

During the 3rd week of Advent, the Church uses a new color to let us know that it is time to rejoice because the birth of Jesus is getting near. The liturgical colors switch from purple to rose-colored. We light the pink candle on our Advent Wreath. Things look different because we are joyful.

**Daily decision for action...**

How do people know when we are joyful? Do we look different?

Does our smile get bigger? Do our eyes get brighter? Do we walk with our heads held high?

Joy and happiness should look different than gloom and sadness.

Today, let's do something to let everyone around us know that we are joyful. Let's be different today!

**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!**