

# CENTERPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## JOY

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION *(silently pray)*

Hymn # 224 (v. 2)

*Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and ye are blest for ever more. Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!*

WELCOME AND BREATH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT *(join in prayer)*

Loving God, as we begin our Advent pilgrimage, grant us the courage to hope, hope for your presence, hope for your peace, hope for your promise. May we grow in our understanding of you and in our understanding of what you have done for your children of all time. Our hope lies in the coming of one little baby, Jesus. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Pastorale from the Christmas Concerto"*  
Jennifer Andrews, Olivia Arsenicos, Kate Santarsiero

Arcangelo Corelli

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Moodie Family

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN # 203

*"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

United Methodist Hymnal

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called, Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called, Emmanuel. (2X)

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(join in prayer)*

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your precious Son, Jesus Christ. As we sing our praises to you this morning, our hearts are filled with Joy. We present these offerings to you to spread that Joy where it is needed most; to those who are sick or lonely, to those who have lost everything, to anyone in need. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Carol of the Bells"*  
Jennifer Andrews, Jessica Andrews, Olivia Arsenicos, Kate Santarsiero

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(join in prayer)*

Rev. Andy James, First Presbyterian Church of Whitestone, NY

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

*Leap for Joy*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

MESSAGE

"Leap for Joy"

Pastor Roy

CLOSING HYMN# 246 (v. 1-2, 4)

*"Joy to the World"*

United Methodist Hymnal

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

BENEDICTION