



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Advent Wreath Prayer Service

Light two PURPLE CANDLES and a PINK CANDLE - CANDLE OF JOY)

We light the **Shepherd's Candle**, the **Candle of Joy** on this **Gaudette Sunday**, as we rejoice that the Lord's coming is near. The shepherds were simple people, yet they were the first to hear the good news—because their hearts were open and watchful.

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 8-12– *(Optional)*

Reflect:

Joy is not found in possessions or success but in the presence of God within us. Even in trials, joy is possible when we trust that Christ is near. Advent joy grows as we share love freely and welcome God's surprises with faith. Do I live each day with gratitude and a joyful heart?

Action Plan:

- Thank God for three blessings you often take for granted.
- greet everyone you meet with joy, kindness and respect, irrespective of who they are and what they do.

Let us Pray:

Lord Jesus, our Joy and our Song, fill our hearts with gladness as we await your coming. Like the lowly shepherds who first heard the good news, may we welcome you with humble hearts and share your joy with others. May our lives radiate the light of your presence and draw all to you. Amen.

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