



Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This coming Sunday, December 11, is the third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* is the Latin command: "Rejoice!" And so we light the pink candle for JOY. We will hear more from the prophets of old as they anticipated the coming of a messiah. We will hear the magnificent joy of Mary's Magnificat. We will hear (and sing!) joyful music! And of course, we will rejoice!

Please note that **we will be having a congregational meeting this Sunday, December 11, immediately following worship.** The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers to begin serving in 2023. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees, and nominations will be welcomed from the floor. We will also be considering a motion from Session to make a term-limit exception to our by-laws in order to ensure that our Trustee spots are filled. **If you would like to be present for the meeting but are unable to join in person, please let Pastor Tyler know so that a hybrid option can be arranged.**

We will continue our practice of hybrid worship this Sunday. This means that you are welcome to join us in person and that you are welcome to join us from home, whatever works best for you. If you are able to access technology for virtual worship, we will be live streaming the service via Youtube and Facebook. For Youtube Live, please go to our channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9_YWEusCQ/, subscribe to it, and enable notifications. The live video should be up and running just before 10:30 AM Central.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around 10:30 AM Central. We will also post a recording of the service later in the day.

If you would like to access this worship service later in the day or week, you can go to our website here: <https://fpchighland.org/sermons>.

As always, I have included all of Sunday's worship materials, including the bulletin, readings, hymns, sermon, and creative activities for disciples of all ages.

I leave you with these words from *Isaiah*:

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;

*the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and shouting.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God!*
In Christ and with Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem