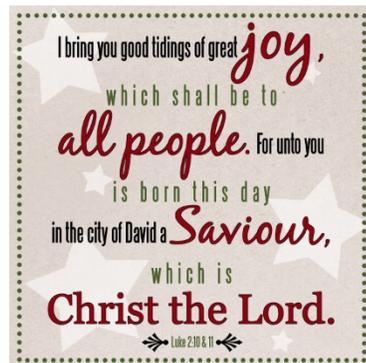




*First Baptist Church*  
Somerville, NJ

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 12, 2021, 11:00 AM.

**Worship Service In-Person  
and Teleconference Call:**  
Dial – in Number (978-990-5000)  
Access Number: 900212



**Organ Prelude:** Ruth Mueller, Song Leader

Call to Worship: Pastor Flemmings and Congregation

Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE. Now we light the third candle of Advent. This is the candle of JOY. As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**People:** Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**Leader:** Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever birth.

Lighting of the Third Candle of Joy

Hymn of Praise: #132 “Angels We Have Heard on High” Verses 1, 2 and 3

Invocation: Pastor Flemmings

*We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit.*

Lord’s Prayer (debts)

Gloria Patri

Celebrations and Joys

Call to Prayer: #504 “He Touched Me” Verses 1(see hymn on back page).

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response: “He Touched Me” Verse 2 (see hymn on back page).

Offertory Sentence In unison: *“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.” Galatians 5: 22-25.* Teleconference worshippers please submit your tithes and offerings by mail to First Baptist Church, 132 West High Street, 08876.

Offertory Prayer  
Doxology

Special Selection: Ruth Mueller

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament: *Zephaniah 3: 14-17*

New Testament: *Luke 1: 39-45*

Sermon Topic: “*Mary’s Greeting*”

Hymn of Invitation to Christian Discipleship: #125 “Joy to the World”, Verses 1, 2, and 4 (see hymn on back page).

Benediction

Threefold Amen

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

James Chadwick, 1862

1 Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

[Refrain]

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly  
song? [Refrain]

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn  
King. [Refrain]

“He Touched Me”

Author: Bill Gaither

1. Shackled by a heavy burden,  
'neath a load of guilt and shame;  
Then the hand of Jesus touched  
me, and now I am no longer the  
same.

[Refrain]

He touched me, O, He touched me,  
And O, the joy that floods my soul.  
Something happened, and now I  
know,  
He touched me and made me  
whole.

2. Since I met this blessed Savior,  
Since He cleansed and made me  
whole; I will never cease to praise  
Him, I'll shout it while eternity rolls.  
[Refrain]

“Joy to the World”

Author: Isaac Watts

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4 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, wonders of his love.