

Knox United Church  
December 14, 2025

Advent 3  
Joy



## Advent 3 – Joy

### Worship Order, 10:00 AM

(将临期第三主日—喜乐) 2025 年 12 月 14 日

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able    ♪+ Remain seated to sing

**Prelude:** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

序曲: “午夜时分”

**Welcoming & Candle Lighting**

欢迎仪式与烛光仪式

**Call to Worship:**      呼唤敬拜

In a world overflowing with noise, we come seeking a clear word.

**Christ, speak to us.**

In a season filled with hurry and distraction, we come looking for meaning.

**Christ, center us.**

In our questions, our searching, our longing –

**Christ, meet us with joy.**

Come, people of God. Let us worship the One who opens our eyes  
and fills our hearts with hope.

**We worship with joy!**

♪+ **Introit:** “All Earth Is Waiting” (*verse 3 only*)

VU 5

开场白: “整个地球都在等待。” (仅限第3节)

**Advent Candle Lighting:**      降临节蜡烛点燃仪式

**Reader One:** Advent is a season of waiting — not passive waiting, but looking, listening, and opening our hearts to God.

**Reader Two:** On the third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate **Joy** — not the joy of perfection, but the joy that comes from clarity. Joy arrives when we recognize Christ at work around us and within us.

**Reader One:** Today we light the Candle of Joy, trusting that Christ still meets us, still reveals Himself, and still fills our lives with a joy the world cannot take away.

<p><b>Reader Two:</b> May this light remind us that when Christ becomes clear, joy becomes real.</p> <p><b>All: Christ, be our joy. Amen.</b></p> <p><i>(Light the candles of Hope, Peace and Joy)</i></p>													
<p>🎵+ <b>Hymn:</b> “Hope Is a Star” <i>(verse 3 only)</i></p> <p>圣诗: “希望是一颗星” <i>(仅限第3节)</i></p>	VU 7												
<p><b>Prayer</b>            祷告</p>													
<p>🎵↑ <b>Hymn:</b> “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”</p> <p>圣诗: “亲爱的基督徒朋友们, 欢欣吧!”</p>	VU 35												
<p><b>Scripture:</b> Matthew 11:2-11</p> <p>经文:        马太福音 11:2-11</p>	p. 792												
<p>🎵+ <b>Hymn:</b> “Once in Royal David's City”</p> <p>圣诗: 《在大卫城》</p>	VU 62												
<p><b>Sermon:</b> Are You the One? - Joy Starts with Clarity</p> <p>讲道: 你就是那个人吗?——快乐始于清晰的认知</p>													
<p><b>Anthem:</b> “Keep the Watch, People of Zion”</p> <p>圣歌: “锡安的子民啊, 要警醒!”</p>													
<p><b>Announcements</b>        公告</p>													
<p>🎵↑ <b>Offering Hymn:</b> “In the Bleak Midwinter” <i>(verse 4)</i></p> <p>奉献: 《严冬》 <i>(第4节)</i></p>	VU 55												
<p><b>Dedication of Offering</b>        奉献祈祷</p>													
<p><b>Prayers of the People</b>        会众祷告</p>													
<p>🎵+ <b>Lord’s Prayer (spoken)</b>        主祷文 <i>(口述)</i></p> <p>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.</p>													
		<p>Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.</p>											
		<p>🎵↑ <b>Hymn:</b> “Joy Shall Come” <i>(sing twice through)</i></p> <p>圣诗: “喜乐终将到来” <i>(唱两遍)</i></p>											
		<p><b>Commissioning and Benediction</b>        差遣与祝福</p>											
		<p>🎵↑ <b>Benediction Response:</b> “Jesus Came Bringing Us Joy”</p> <p>祝福回应: “耶稣降临, 给我们带来希望”</p>											
		<p><b>Postlude:</b> “How Great Our Joy!”</p> <p>后奏曲: “我们的喜乐何等伟大!”</p>											
		<p><b>Worship Leaders:</b></p> <table><tr><td>Presider: Rev. Richard Chung</td><td>Scripture Reader: Mary Bliss</td></tr><tr><td>Music Director: Colleen Coulter</td><td>Ministry of Music: Knox Choir</td></tr><tr><td>Advent Wreath: Loretta Avery, Chris Hughes</td><td>Guest Pianist: Martin Joo</td></tr><tr><td>Head Usher: Dave Cass</td><td>Greeter: Frances Herzer</td></tr><tr><td>Live-Streaming: Kevin Wong</td><td>Webminder: Debra Danny</td></tr></table>		Presider: Rev. Richard Chung	Scripture Reader: Mary Bliss	Music Director: Colleen Coulter	Ministry of Music: Knox Choir	Advent Wreath: Loretta Avery, Chris Hughes	Guest Pianist: Martin Joo	Head Usher: Dave Cass	Greeter: Frances Herzer	Live-Streaming: Kevin Wong	Webminder: Debra Danny
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		<p><i>This bilingual worship order reflects our welcome toward Chinese members of the community, as part of our commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive church.</i></p> <p>本双语礼拜程序体现了我们对社区华人朋友的欢迎, 也是我们致力于成为一个欢迎并包容的教会的一部分。</p>											

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**Advent 3, December 14, 2025** 2025 年 12 月 14 日 将临期第三主日—喜乐

**Title:** Are You the One? - Joy Starts with Clarity

标题：你就是那个人吗？——快乐始于清晰的认知

**Text:** Matthew 11:2-11

文本：马太福音 11:2-11

**Synopsis:** John's disciples come with honest questions — not unlike our own questions in a world full of noise, opinions, and instant answers. Joy begins when we stop searching everywhere else and let Jesus become clear – the one we can trust.

概要：约翰的门徒带着真诚的问题前来——这与我们身处这个充满喧嚣、观点和即时答案的世界时所面临的疑问并无二致。当我们不再四处寻觅，而是让耶稣——那位我们可以信赖的人——成为我们生命中清晰的指引时，喜乐便油然而生。

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将临期及圣诞节系列讲道：“在动荡的时代，上帝与我们同在”

This season isn't about waiting for everything to be perfect. It's about learning how God shows up in real life — in the middle of uncertainty, change, questions, and even danger. Advent prepares us, Christmas celebrates God's arrival, and the days after reminding us: God stays with us, no matter what.

这个季节并非等待一切完美，而是学习上帝如何在真实的生活中显现——

在不确定、变化、疑问，甚至是危险之中。将临期预备我们，圣诞节庆祝上帝的降临，而之后的日子则提醒我们：无论发生什么，上帝都与我们同在。

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(Matthew 22: 36-40)

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of God as we continue to care for this land together.

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