

December 7, 2025

Series: *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* Message: *Joy Giver* Scripture Reference: Nehemiah 8:1-12 (ESV)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting - Week 2, Psalm 27:1, 13-14

Readers: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life." As we add a new candle each week of Advent, we do so as a sign of the coming light of Christ. For this second week of Advent, our reading is based on Psalm 27:1, 13-14:

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

Wait for the LORD!

SONGS OF ADORATION & PRAISE

Joy to the World O Come, All Ye Faithful

CONFESSION OF SIN

Based on Psalm 126

Leader: God of salvation, in Christ You have done great things, All: Our hearts are filled with joy.

Leader: By Your power You lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into Your kingdom.

All: Salvation is Your gift to us.

Leader: But we confess that often we try to replace Your gift

with our own efforts.

All: We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full.

Leader: We try to earn what we already have.

All: Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us focus on Your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return.

Leader: For Jesus' sake alone. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Based on Psalm 85:9

Leader: Surely, God's salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell on the earth. In Christ, God's salvation is at hand, and righteousness has come.

SONG OF THANKS

The Goodness of Jesus – City Alight

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE: CHAPTER 21

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-12

MESSAGE

Joy Giver - Pastor Nate Wilks

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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SONG OF REFLECTION

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery - Boswell, Papa & Bleecker

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 12, Questions 31-32

Leader: Why is Jesus called "Christ," that is, "Anointed?"

All: Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who ever lives to make intercession for us with the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

Leader: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ, and thus a partaker of His anointing; so that I also may confess His name; present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him, and with a free conscience fight against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter, in eternity, reign with Him over all creatures.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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COMMUNION SONG	
Come, O Sinner, Come and See – Jordan Kau	fli

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BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY Come Let Us Adore Him – Redman & Bryant

SERMON NOTES – Joy Giver

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