

SERMON NOTES

Message: The Power of Joy
Advent Sermon Series: Inbreaking
Scripture: Luke 2:8-17
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- I. **Introduction**

- II. **Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-17**

- III. **What is this joy the angels declared?**

1. **Joy is a leaping of the heart**

Elizabeth said to Mary: "As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy" (Luke 1:44).

2. **Joy is a sign of the kingdom**

Jesus said the following: "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20).

"When the kingdom comes, there is always the sign of joy. Joy is the free delight, the great pleasure and happiness, that can only roll in when Jesus comes on the scene." (Scholar Derek Morphey)

3. **Joy is experienced in struggle**

“Be joyful in hope, patience in affliction, faithful in prayer”
(Romans 12:12).

*“Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith,
who for the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning
its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of
God.”* (Hebrews 12:2).

IV. **Prayer for *Renewal and Joy***