

# Sunday Praise and Worship Service

† Order of Service 



Luke 10:21-24 (ESV) Jesus Rejoices in the Father's Will

<sup>21</sup> In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."<sup>a</sup> <sup>22</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

<sup>23</sup> Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!" <sup>24</sup> For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

Footnotes: a. [Luke 10:21](#) Or for so it pleased you well

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John 16:16-24 (ESV) Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy

<sup>16</sup> "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?"

<sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. <sup>23</sup> In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Rejoice and be Glad!



Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

(Bible)

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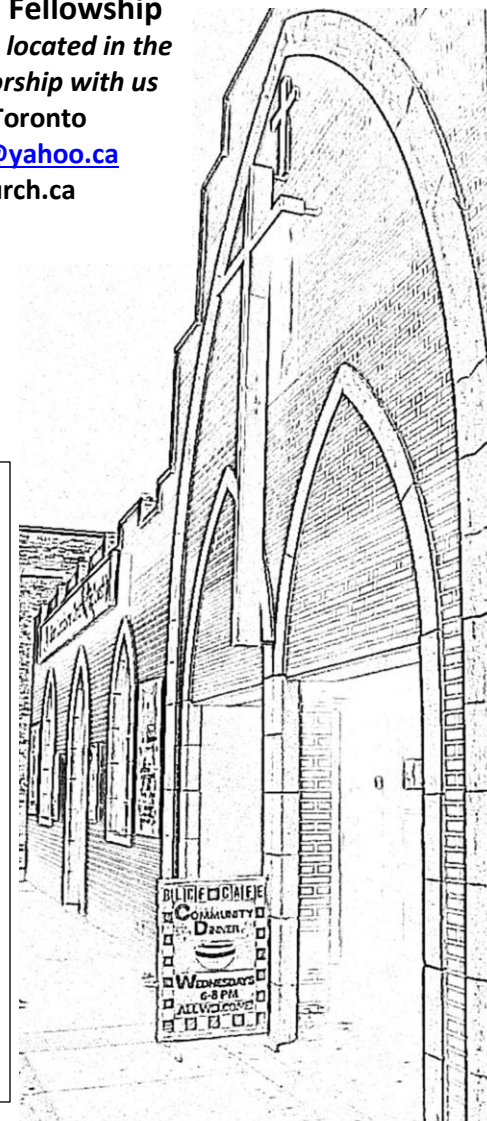
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## The Word of Life

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that your joy may be complete. - 1 John 1:1-4*



- ❖ Sunday ~ 11:00 AM Praise and Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 11:30 AM Morning Prayer and Bible Study
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 6:00-8:00 PM: BLCF Café Community Dinner
- ❖ Online Sermons: [bloorlansdownechristianfellowship.wordpress.com](http://bloorlansdownechristianfellowship.wordpress.com)

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Call to Worship: Responsive Reading #631:

*Incarnate Christ* (John 1); Prayer

Lighting Third Advent Candle (Joy) - Hebrews 12:1-2



Hymn #25: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymn #106: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn #100: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Hymn #103: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Tithing and Prayer; Hymn #572: *Praise God*; Prayers

Today's Scriptures: Luke 2:7-20, Luke 10:21-24, John 16:16-24

Message by Steve Mickelson: *'Anticipating the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love in Christ – Third Advent Sunday: Joy'*

Closing Hymn #120: *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

Benediction – (2 Corinthians 13:14):

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV) Jesus, Founder and Perfecter of Our Faith

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



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Luke 2:7-20 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### The Shepherds and the Angels

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Footnotes: a. [Luke 2:14](#) Some manuscripts *peace, good will among men* .

