

Advent Sunday #3
Luke 1:39–56

Main Point

We should respond to the Triune God with joy, praise, humility, and faith.

The Triune God

“And he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.” (Luke 1:15)

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you.” (Luke 1:35)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1)

“Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.” (“Silent Night”)

“God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God” (The Nicene Creed).

Joy

“And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.” (Luke 1:36)

“Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let Earth receive her King.” (“Joy to the World”)

Praise

Magnificat: Latin for “praise” or “glorifies”

“This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.” (“Blessed Assurance”)

“O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemers praise.” (“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”)

Humility

“Toward the scorers he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.” (Proverbs 3:34)

Faith

Notes

Discuss

- Why are Christians intimidated by the doctrine of the Trinity, and what can they do to get to a point where they embrace it by faith?

- What are some ways that you can humble yourself before God in preparation for Christmas?
- How can you and your family inject praise into your Christmas celebration?
- What are some reasons that people might be happy in the Christmas season that are incompatible with biblical joy, and how can you seek the real thing?

Read

1 Samuel 2:1–10; John 1:1–18; Philippians 2:1–11

Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will fill you with joy and praise because of the saving work of God in Jesus.
- That the Holy Spirit will increase your faith by showing you how God has and is keeping his promises.

Bulletin

- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: Give Online (through Realm) or in Person by December 31, 2022 (Goal: \$5,500)
- Members' Meeting: December 11 at 5:00pm (Advent Outreach: 3:30pm)
- Christmas Eve Service: December 24 at 5:00pm
- Christmas Day Service: December 25 at 10:45am (no Sunday school prior to service)
- New Year's Day Service: January 1 at 10:45am (no Sunday school prior to service)
- All-Church Sunday School: January 8 at 9:30am (followed by normally scheduled service at 10:45am)