

Welcome to Joy Community Fellowship

In obedience to Hebrews 10:24-25, we assemble on the first day of the week to worship God and to encourage each other. Our service is designed to introduce you, or to renew you, in the Gospel, which is the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

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We have gathered to worship Jesus, the light of the world.

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 36:7-9

As creatures made in God's image, we exist to bring Him praise and glory.

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light do we see light.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

10,000 Reasons

How Great is Our God

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1

We devote ourselves to Scripture because God creates, sustains and renews His people by His Word.

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— ² 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— ³ 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. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he

is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Pastoral Prayer

Having been adopted into God's family as beloved children through faith in Christ, our heavenly Father promises to hear us as we bring our needs to Him (Matthew 7:7-11).

Offering

Children (Kindergarten-3rd Grade), going to the Firehouse, will be dismissed.

By This We Know Love

Sermon: "A Light for the Gentiles"

The 11th sermon in the series, "Matthew – Jesus: Son of David, Son of Abraham, Son of God".

Matthew 4:12-17 (Pew Bible p. 809)

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,

on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Prayer of Confession

Because we have all fallen short of His glory, we humbly confess our sins to God, assured that Jesus has secured forgiveness for all who confess and rely on His perfect sacrifice.

The Lord's Supper

All who are trusting in Christ as Savior and devoted to following Jesus as Lord are invited to eat and drink in remembrance of Him.

If your obedience to Christ has not been affirmed through baptism and membership in a local church to whom you have made yourself accountable, we do urge you to consider that commitment as part of what it means to partake of the Supper in a worthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

Please speak to an elder if you have questions regarding how or why to pursue membership in a local church as a vital part of your submission to the Lord Jesus.

Christus Victor

Benediction

After the benediction, all are invited to stay for fellowship, conversation, and prayer.