



Nativity of our Lord: Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24, 2022, 7:30 pm

The People of New Joy, Ministers
The Rev. Chris Duckworth, Pastor
Glenn Hoffman, Music Minister

Welcome to worship at New Joy Lutheran Church. We are blessed by your presence among us today. This bulletin contains the outline and words for worship this evening.

Little children are always welcome – even and especially when they're a little noisy! We welcome children to toddle around, play with toys, shake tambourines, and come to the Lord's Table.

At our Lord's Table Jesus gives his own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and intimacy of his promised presence with us. All who desire to receive our Lord are welcome. Communion is shared with bread (a wafer) and cup (grape juice). If you're uncertain about receiving or how to receive, don't hesitate to ask pastor when you come forward. You are welcome to receive a blessing or to receive the sacrament, as you feel led by the Spirit.

GATHERING

Prelude

Christmas Proclamation

This proclamation, in use in many Christian churches since the late medieval era, places the birth of Christ within the course of human history. The traditional text of the proclamation sets the birth of Christ within Biblical and Roman history, and is written with the grandeur and ceremonial pomp of royal proclamations.

The version you will hear tonight has been significantly updated to expand its view and to tell a more honest story about Roman rule. Tonight's proclamation recalls both the plight of the Jewish people who lived under Roman imperial rule and highlights several other cultures and civilizations that thrived around the globe at the time of Jesus' birth.

With these updates, this traditional proclamation places the birth of Jesus not just within a narrow Western or Roman worldview, but in context with diverse cultures and histories as told from other viewpoints.

Opening Song

O Come All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Words of Welcome

Jesus, the Light of the World

- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;
"Glory to the newborn king," Jesus, the Light of the world.

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

- 2 Joyful, all you nations, rise; Jesus, the Light of the world;
join the triumph of the skies; Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*
- 3 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Jesus, the Light of the world;
Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*
- 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;
Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true
Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence
and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from Isaiah:

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

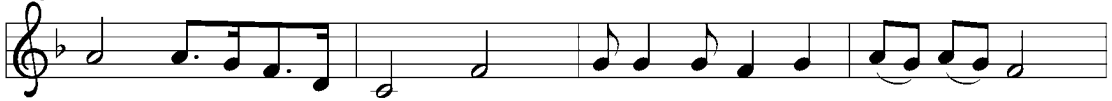
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

The First Noel



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . . .
4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and



night that was so deep.
tin-ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.”²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Gospel Acclamation

The First Noel (Refrain only)



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Sermon



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Look for all the hidden, and not-so-hidden, references to the Biblical story in this image

Hymn of the Day

Hark The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

*The **Assisting Minister** leads this portion of the service, where we proclaim our faith, renew our shared mission, lift our prayers to God, and extend God's peace with one another.*

Mission Statement

AM: Let us say together the mission we share:

C: New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community called by God to extend a radical welcome, share a generous grace, nurture a transforming faith, and live God's promise.

Apostles' Creed

AM: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the ancient words of the Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Prayers of Intercession - Each prayer petition concludes with, " Merciful God" The response is, "receive our prayer."

Sharing the Peace

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

AM: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us.

Announcements & Offering

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Offering Prayer

AM: Gracious God,
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table
and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

MEAL

As we prepare to receive the gift of Holy Communion, we pray a table grace patterned after the great Old Testament and early church prayers that recount God's goodness and ask that such goodness would extend to us and through us now and until our Lord's promised return.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor Chris continues with the "proper preface" which then leads into the Gloria refrain. Typically, we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy" during the communion prayers. This night we join with the angels in Bethlehem and sing "Gloria! In excelsis Deo!"

Angels We Have Heard On High

Gloria Refrain

8

joy - ous strains. heav'n - ly song?
new - born King.
love we raise.

Glo - - - - -

- ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o; De - o.

The words around the communion table conclude with the prayer Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Lord's Supper *(please be seated)*

All are welcome to the communion feast, for our Lord is host and gives himself to all who desire to receive. Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. Come, let us eat and drink at the table of the Lord.

Angels We Have Heard On High



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see, Christ whose birth the
 4. See Him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of

4 C F F Am B \flat /D C/E F



o'er the plains; And the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their
 strains pro-long? What the glad - some ti - dings be; Which in - spire your
 an - gels sing; Come a - dore, on bend - ed knee, Christ, the Lord, the
 an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in

CHORUS

8 C F F Dm Gm 7 C Fmaj 7 B \flat



joy - ous strains. Glo - - - -
 heav'n - ly song? Glo - - - -
 new - born King. Glo - - - -
 love we raise. Glo - - - -

12 C F B \flat 1.
F/C C 2.
F/C C F



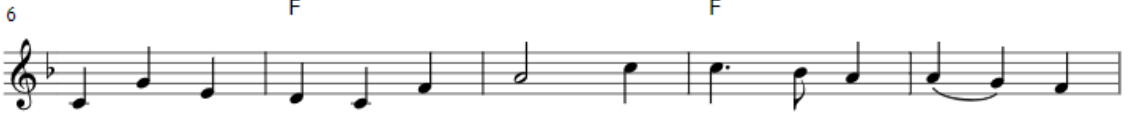
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Away In A Manger



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed; The lit - tle Lord
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes; But lit - tle Lord
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus! I ask Thee to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky — looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look
 -ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where He lay; The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky; And stay by my cra - dle 'til morn - ing is nigh.
 Thy ten - der care; And fit us for heav - en, to live with Thee there.

Prayer after Communion

AM: Most High God,
 you have come among us at this table.
 By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
 sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
 through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C: **Amen.**

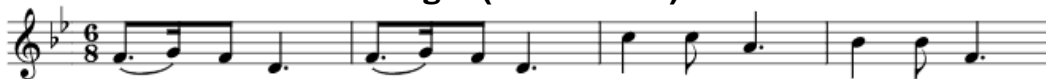
SENDING

Candlelighting

As we light the candles for *Silent Night*, please do not dip a lit candle but instead dip the unlit candle into a lit candle. Glow sticks are available for younger children who may not be able to handle a lit candle.

Following the benediction and as the lights are turned on, you may extinguish your candles.

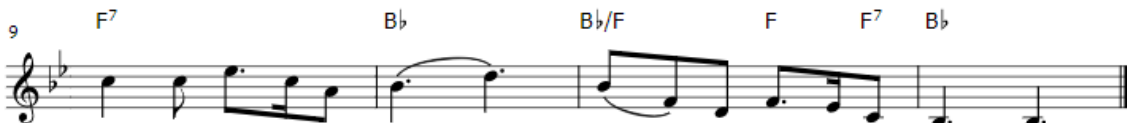
Silent Night (Stille Nacht)



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night; All is calm, all is bright.
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night; Shep - herds quake at the sight.
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night; Son of God, love's pure light.
4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night; Won - drous star, lend thy light.



Round you vir - gin moth - er and Child. Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild;
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace;
With the an - gels let us sing, al - le - lu - ia to our King;



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit

C: **Amen**

Sending Song

Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is born!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

WORSHIP LEADERS

We give thanks for all who give of themselves for service to God and to this community.

Assisting Minister : Cana Duckworth
Reader: Chris Studer
Acolyte Molly Havlik
Altar Guild: Judy Moon & Morgan Studer

The band members are Glenn Hoffman, Jim Gregory, and Karen Archbold.

The Altar Guild members are Judy Moon, Kristi Kittilstved, Nancy Trullinger, Morgan Studer, and Shawna Harouff

The Livestream operator are Phil Havlik and Rich Kittilstved.

The audio is run by Steve Castle.

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WORSHIP NOTES

LIVESTREAM OPERATORS Would you be willing to learn how our livestream technology works? Check in with Phil and Rich any Sunday following worship to see how you can become part of the livestream team.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING is a tradition that developed in the Reformation Era, as the candlelighting practice of daily Night Prayer services (usually prayed in monasteries) were incorporated into the public Christmas Eve Mass. Several hundred years later, in 1818, the beloved Christmas carol Silent Night was written and first sung. Within a few decades it would become a Christmas favorite around the world.

EVERY CHRISTMAS we read from the Gospel of Luke. Angels, shepherds, baby Jesus lying in a manger. This year we are reading from the only other birth narrative in the Gospels, found in Matthew (that's right – Mark skips Jesus' birth altogether, and John tells a bit more of a mystical story about light and darkness). Matthew's birth narrative paints much less scenery and action than does Luke's version. Yet in Matthew we get a sense of the scandal that Jesus' birth represents – an unwed mother, Joseph's call to listen to and honor his fiancé's experience and faith, and – a few verses later – the danger the Holy Family would face at the hands of Herod, fearful of how a newborn king would threaten his imperial power. Matthew's Gospel gives us the birth of a Savior who will disrupt the world and show us a better way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE On **Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25**, we will worship at 9:30am in person. Come in your pajamas! We will have online-only worship on Sunday, January 1, 2023.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, January 23, following worship. We will hold a budget hearing following worship on Sunday, January 8. Please mark your calendars to be part of our discernment and collaboration as a community of Christ.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES will begin in January. Reach out to Pastor Chris.

COFFEE HOUR has resumed! After a long hiatus we are thrilled to have coffee and donuts following worship. *This ministry of hospitality needs a few people each Sunday to pick up donuts, set up coffee and goodies, and clean up afterwards.* Please check with Kristi Kittilstved to learn what's involved and to sign-up.

RECURRING EVENTS

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY will resume each Wednesday at 1pm, in the New Year, starting on January 4.

NEW BIBLE STUDY meets each Tuesday, 7pm, at church. **New books for the December-February season of our curriculum have arrived** and are available in the narthex. *Our next study will be on Tuesday, January 9.*

MEN'S GROUP Saturday breakfasts and Bible Study gatherings will continue after the New Year. Our next breakfast is on Saturday, January 7. In preparation, please read **chapters 11-12 of *Breaking the Code***, and watch the session 6 video. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff. Need a book? Pick one up in the church entranceway.

JOYFUL GIRLS gathers each month for fellowship and dinner. Our next dinner is on Wednesday, January 4, at 6pm at Coopers Hawk Winery & Restaurant on 96th Street. Contact Becky Suchomel or Lyn Nore if you have any questions.

SEASONED BELIEVERS meets every Tuesday, 9am, at the Chick-Fil-A on SR32 in Westfield.

OUR BSA SCOUT TROOPS 1910/1920 meet at the church on Monday nights at 7pm.

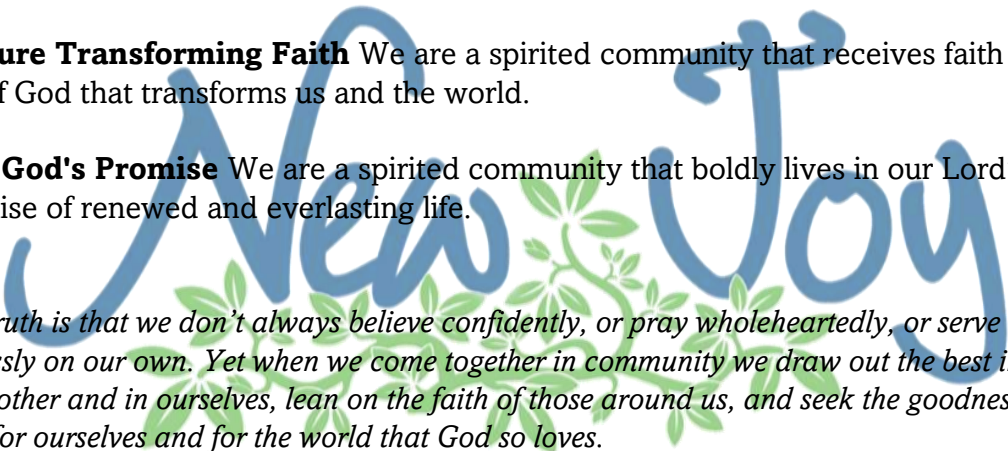
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community called by God to extend a radical welcome, share a generous grace, nurture a transforming faith, and live God's promise.

Extend a Radical Welcome We are a spirited community that strives to welcome, value, accept, and nurture all people wherever they are in their relationship with God. Since our founding in 2002, New Joy has been committed to welcoming people of all races, incomes, and expressions of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Share a Generous Grace We are a spirited community which boldly proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

Nurture Transforming Faith We are a spirited community that receives faith as a gift of God that transforms us and the world.

Live God's Promise We are a spirited community that boldly lives in our Lord's promise of renewed and everlasting life.



The truth is that we don't always believe confidently, or pray wholeheartedly, or serve selflessly on our own. Yet when we come together in community we draw out the best in each other and in ourselves, lean on the faith of those around us, and seek the goodness of God for ourselves and for the world that God so loves.

Full of belief or doubt, confidence or questions? There is a place for you at New Joy. The people of New Joy are newcomers to Christianity and interfaith families, lifelong active church goers and people who have spent decades away from the church before finding their way to New Joy. There is a place for you at New Joy, too.

New Joy was established just in 2002. As a congregation we're still growing up. You might say we're in that awkward late teen /early twenties stage when we don't yet feel like an adult, but we're no longer a kid. We certainly haven't figured everything out, but we are having fun as we grow and as we see what God is putting before us. We hope you'll be part of our future.