PPT The Heart of Christmas Brings Joy In All Circumstances **The Heart Of Christmas** Series Week 3 Sunday, December 11, 2022 Senior Pastor, Dr. Janet Cook

### Jesus is Great Joy for ALL People

Luke 2:8-11 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause **great joy for all the people**. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

John 1:14 - The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

• "He is called the Word because he perfectly embodies all of scripture in human flesh by the way he lived here on earth." *Trevor Miller* 

## We can have joy because...

1. God sent Jesus to demonstrate His love for us.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### We can have joy because...

2. God sent Jesus so we could live through Him

1 John 4:9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

#### We can have joy because...

3. God sent Jesus to provide salvation for our souls.

Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith —and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

"There is a marvelous medicinal power in joy. Most medicines are distasteful; but this, which is the best of all medicines, is sweet to the taste, and comforting to the heart. This blessed joy is very contagious."

"The grace of joy is contagious. Holy joy will oil the wheels of your life's machinery. Holy joy will strengthen you for your daily labor. Holy joy will beautify you and give you an influence over the lives of others." *Charles Spurgeon* 

# **Glorious Joy**

1 Peter 1:8-9 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.