

•During this third week of advent, this Sunday celebrates the passage Philippians 4:4-5, its verses extolling readers to “rejoice” for “indeed the Lord is near.”

•In other words, this week celebrates the joy of Christ’s coming to earth.

•We should also note that not every church uses a pink candle to represent this day. Some will use a violet one, just like all the others. Violet tends to have a somber nature, and it also reflects royalty, acknowledging Jesus’ kingship.

•No matter what color of candle a church displays on that third Sunday, churches want to highlight the importance of joy in advent season. During a time where depression is at an all-time high and people seem to be in the most despair, this candle offers a bright light during a dark time.

•It is also known as the Shepherd Candle to highlight the joy the shepherds experienced when they received the good news about Christ’s birth (Luke 2:8-20). During the middle of the night, the darkest time, the shepherds encountered angels.

SERVICES:

DECEMBER 24th will be 10am.

DECEMBER 25th will be 10am.

ORDER OF SERVICE HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Welcome
Opening prayer

WORSHIPPING
Through music.

Stand, sit, sing loud or quiet. This is a time to draw close to the Lord. Let the spirit fill you up and know His grace and Love.

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All of us are broken. We come together to bring praises and requests before the Lord, as He is the only one who can fix us.

Offering as a form of worship

Message today:
PEACE

Matthew 6:25~John 14:27
Romans 16:20~ 1Peter5:7~1 Peter 3:9
Matthew 11:28~Philippians 4:12

WORSHIPPING

With music and song as we again sing to the Lord

Closing prayer and blessing