

From sermon on Dec. 18th & 19th

Joy to the World Repeat the Sounding Joy

Text: Luke 2:4-14

Purpose: The 2nd stanza of Joy to the World reminds us that Jesus came to save us from our sins and give us new life. When we embrace Jesus, we embrace a joyful new life that He is giving. Joy is one of the central themes of Christmas because Jesus comes into our brokenness to give us new life.

Opening Question: *What brings you joy during the Christmas season?*

Read and Discuss: Luke 2:4-14

- 1. What are some of the good things happening with Joseph and Mary? What were some of the challenges they faced?*
- 2. How can we embrace the good and the bad of our lives and still have joy this Christmas?*
- 3. Why is joy a central theme of the Christmas story?*
- 4. Why do you think God chose the shepherds to receive the announcement of Jesus' birth?*
- 5. How does the Good News of Jesus give you joy?*