

The Banora Pointer



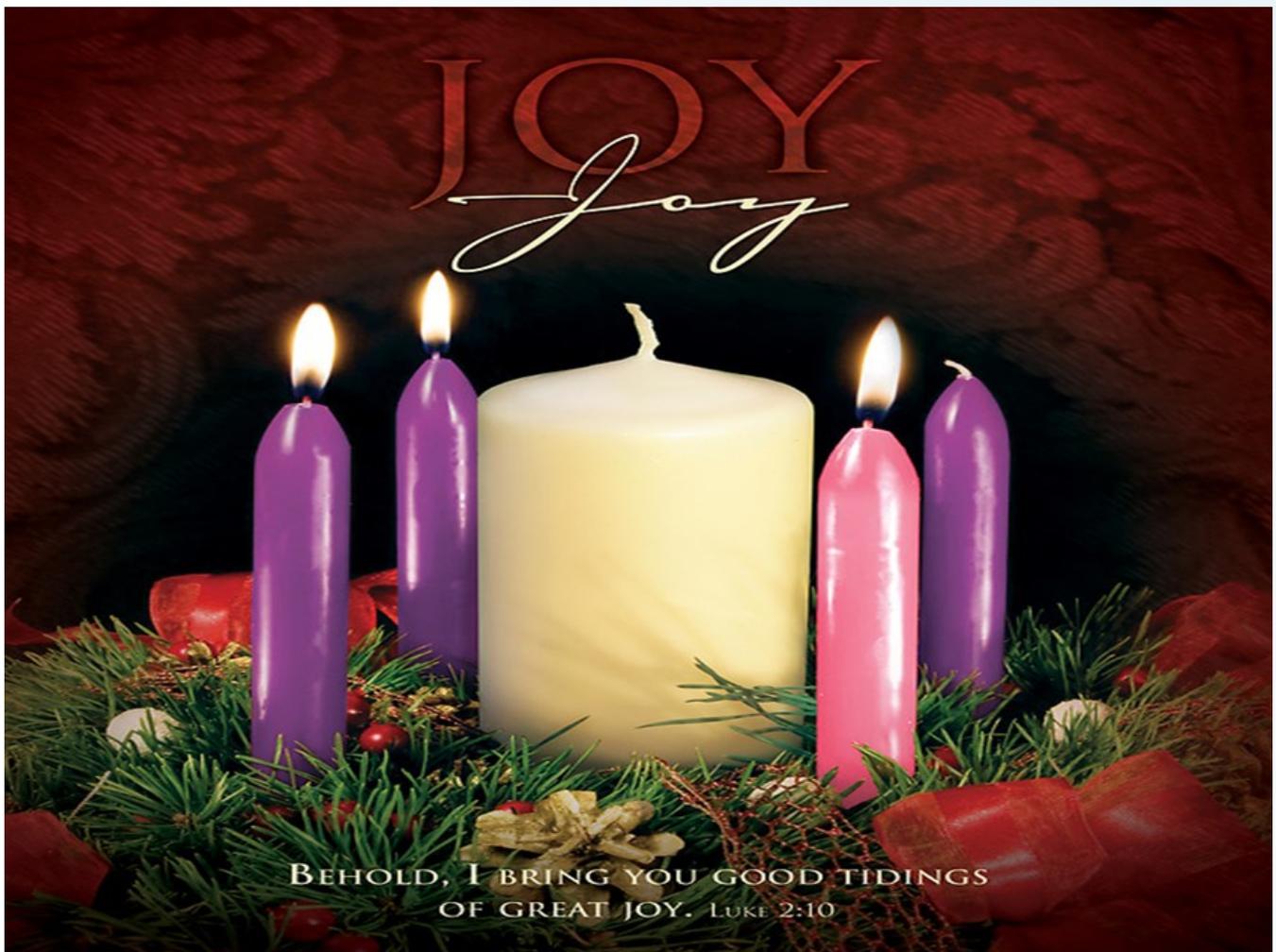
Don't be Afraid As The Lord Is With You

We hope you enjoy your time acknowledging the Lords
direction and support in these trying times

Preacher: Pastor Debra Pinkerton

Sunday 13 December 2020

Advent Sunday 3



Our Mission: to love God and love our neighbours

The Banora Point Uniting Church acknowledge the indigenous traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Goori people and their Elders, past, present and future.

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Message from Pastor Debra Pinkerton

The Power Of Joy

Each of the fruits of the Spirit is important but joy enables us to experience in the way that Jesus did. What does the Bible tell us of joy?

Joy enable us to cope with hard times.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. — James 1:2-3

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. — Romans 12:12

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! — Philippians 4:4

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. — Proverbs 17:22

Joy is freely accessible through Jesus.

But the angel said to the shepherd, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.” — Luke 2:10

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. — Romans 15:13

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” — John 15:11

Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy. — Acts 14:17

Joy in prayer and worship brings us closer to God.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones. — Isaiah 49:13

In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. — Psalm 33:21

As Christians, our ultimate source of joy is the gospel. We can remain joyful even when life gets hard, because we know that God is more powerful than any circumstance.

~ by Claire Ince: Compassion website

Pastor Debra Pinkerton

Making Room for Christ – A meditation for Advent

There is space in my life, Lord. Come and enter in.

There is room in my heart, Lord. Please fill it with your compassion.

There is an expanse in my mind, Lord. Expand your Kingdom throughout it. There is an emptiness in my soul, Lord. Pour in your meaning and fulfillment.

There is space in my life, Lord, if I just can clear out the mess and clutter of my material existence.

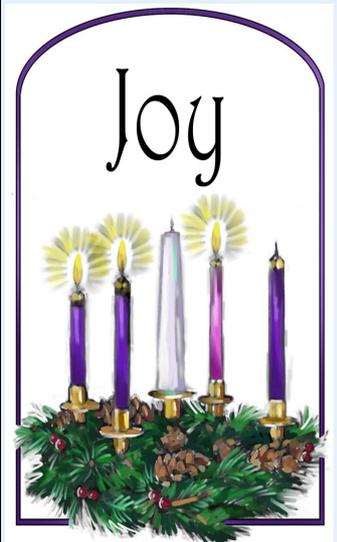
Come Lord, dwell within me.

Occupy my living with your loving purpose.

This I pray. May it be so.

Always. Amen

~ Jon Humphries #PrayerCollection



A Message From Elizabeth

*"Christmas is coming the church is glad to sing
and let the Advent candles brightly burn in a ring" (TIS 289)*

I have confirmed with Ross Biggs, our COVID Safety Officer, that congregational members are now allowed to sing with the advice that anyone over 12 years of age should wear a mask. If you require, masks are available at the church when you sign in.

On behalf of our Church Councillors and Elders and congregation, I thank Debra for the ministry that she has carried out with us for the past few weeks. Before coming here, Debra had organised a short period of leave at Christmas time.

She will be away from 15 December 2020 until 29 December 2020. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Debra safe travel and a very happy, holy, healthy Christmas and New Year.

Audrey Biggs will lead our service next Sunday. If you have any pastoral concerns during the period of Debra's leave, please contact your pastoral carer or contact the church office. We look forward to Debra's return on Sunday 3 January 2021.

Your Church Councillors/Elders met on Saturday 5 December 2020. The congregation profile developed at this meeting was forwarded to Rev David Busch (Presbytery Minister) last Monday. This profile will be presented to the relevant bodies for endorsement. Then it will be published nationally so that all UCA ministers throughout our country will be aware that Banora Point Uniting is looking for a minister to work with us through the process of Regeneration.

God's blessings to all

Elizabeth Wells,

Chair, BPUC Church Council

SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday service will be available on YouTube from Pastor Debra Pinkerton via email to your personal email address, the BPUC YouTube Channel or by clicking the link on the Banora Point Uniting Church Website: www.banorapointunitingchurch.org.au

"Getting Ahead Of Ourselves" ~ 1 Thess 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-20

If you have not received any emails and would like to keep updated via this method, please call Leslie or Pastor Debra or email: bpuchurch@optusnet.com.au

Updating Of Contact Details

Every so often we need to make sure our records are accurate and up to date. If you have not received one and would like one, please contact Les at the church to organize a form to be sent to you. Please fill out the form and bring or send back to Banora Point Uniting Church.

Sunday Church Services

If you wish to join in the Sunday Service, please contact Les (Admin Officer) on (07) 5524 9035 between 10am and 1pm on the Thursday prior to the Sunday Service



A Treasurers Message To The Congregation

Friends,

Thank you all for your marvelous support and love during these difficult times. Please continue to direct debit/credit directly into your nearest Commonwealth Bank Branch or take advantage of my offer to pick up offerings from homes within the Banora/Tweed area.

Bank details are:

Account Name: The Uniting Church in Australia Banora Point Church

(Note: Your Bank website may limit the number of characters you can put into the account name box so "The Uniting Church in Aust" is OK)

BSB No: 062 611

Account No: 10120762

Most importantly- please keep safe.

My prayers go out to each and everyone of you.

Neil Rackham

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then
suddenly
there was
with the angel
a multitude of
the heavenly hosts
praising GOD And SAYING
Glory to God in the highest, and
on earth PEACE, goodwill towards all

Luke
2:13-14

Christmas Eve Carol Service 7pm

Christmas Day Service 9am

Please contact the office on (07) 5524 9035
to reserve your place

Let your friends, family and neighbours know about this service