

# Why We Celebrate Christmas

## Candle Light Services

December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

*Joy to the World*

### Merry Christmas! Opening Prayer & Welcome

**"A Social Networking Christmas"** Video Clip

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
O Come All Ye Faithful  
Mighty To Save  
Away in A Manger*

### The Christmas Story – Luke 2 Children's Song

### Why We Celebrate Christmas

Devotional (*notes on reverse side*)

But the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said.  
"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people."

**Luke 2:10**

### Reflection & Offering - Christmas Bells

#### Advent Candle

#### Candle Lighting

*Here I Am To Worship  
Silent Night*

*We Wish You a Merry Christmas!*

[www.newjourneyfellowship.com](http://www.newjourneyfellowship.com)



### Christmas gives us HOPE

**Psalm 34:18** The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

**Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

**Psalm 32:3** When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

### Christmas gives us PEACE

**John 14:27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**Psalm 4:8** I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**Proverbs 12:25** An anxious heart weighs a man down...**Proverbs 14:30** ...envy rots the bones.

### Christmas gives us JOY

**Psalm 19:8** The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living.

**Psalm 34:8** Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

### Christmas gives us LOVE

**John 3:16** For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

**1 John 4:9-10** God showed how much He loved us by sending His only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love... that God sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

**God gave us His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ...  
the only source of hope, peace, joy and love!**

**Make this your most special Christmas ever by  
receiving the free gift of eternal life found only in  
Jesus Christ!**

For latest updates & info go to: [www.NewJourneyFellowship.com](http://www.NewJourneyFellowship.com)