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Series Title: THE WONDER OF ADVENT: JOY
Key Scripture: John 15:11
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/dze889js7x58c2nhxatsphzj3fctcx
Date + Speaker: Pastor Mark Scarr – December 21st, 2025

Starter:
What is one small thing—recent or from the past—that brought a smile or sense of joy to your heart?

Discussion:

1. What is the difference between happiness and joy, and why is that distinction important?

2. In what ways might a person discover that their joy is more dependent on circumstances than on their relationship with Christ?

3. Jesus talks about *complete joy* in John 15:11. What might keep someone from experiencing that kind of joy?

4. Why is joy so important when someone is walking through hard or uncertain seasons of life?

5. Isaiah 9:1-6, talks about the joy of Jesus. How can believers share the joy that Jesus gives with the unsaved?

6. Luke 1:57-58 highlights an example of communal joy. Why is shared joy important in the life of a believer, and how can it strengthen relationships within the church?

7. When life feels heavy or overwhelming, what helps a person reconnect with the joy found in Jesus?

8. As the week ahead begins, what is one small but meaningful way a believer could choose joy and lean into Christ each day?

Reflection:
The joy of Advent reminds believers that God is always near. His joy carries people through every season and gently overflows into the lives of others.