

Welcome to Sunday School at St. Tim's
December 16, 2007

Thank you for coming !

We are glad you joined us for our Gathering Service today.

During our Gathering Service,
you will learn about God, Jesus, and our church.
You will learn about why grown-ups do the things they do
each week during worship, and you will learn about
being a part of the congregation.
You will learn how you can share your gifts and talents,
and what your responsibilities are as a
full member of the St Tims church family.

Each week, we will try to follow this format:

**Program practice with Linda
Offering on the way out**

You might be asked to choose the songs, help collect the
offering, read the Scriptures, lead a prayer, or light candles.
We want you to feel like an important part of our Service!

Please share this bulletin with your family so
everyone can find out what you learned about today!

The lesson for today is:
The Third Sunday in Advent—Joy

Today is the third Sunday in Advent. We continue to
wait hopefully for the birth of Baby Jesus, like the
Jewish people who waited so long ago.

Psalm 98:4-5 says "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth;
burst into jubilant song with music, make music to the LORD
with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing."

Today we will light the third candle in our Advent wreath.
This is the candle of joy. As we light this candle, we ask
God to help us remember to spread joy to all we meet.

Let us pray...

Dear God, we are looking forward with joy to the
birth of your son, Jesus. Please help us to bring
joy to others this Advent season, and always.

Amen