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**P Our joy is in God and in His son Jesus Christ. Like peace, joy is a gift from God. It overtakes us and fills us when we remember what God has done and what He has promised to do.**

L We light this candle today to remind us that Christ came, and is coming, so that all people might have a rich and abundant life. We thank God for the hope He gives us, for the peace He bestows, and for the joy He pours into our hearts.

### **Lighting of the First, Second, and Third Candles**

*The Candle of Joy is Lighted*

*The Best Family*

*John 1:14-18*

L Let us pray: O God of Joy, Emmanuel, send Your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the time of Christ’s appearing. Fix our hearts and our minds upon those things You have done and those You have promised to do that we may have the joy You have promised. As we worship You, strengthen us so that we may always do Your will and so bless You and the world You have made. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Candle Lighting Song:** *(Tune of “Away in a Manger”)*

**“A Candle Is Burning”**

*A candle is burning, a candle of joy,  
A candle to welcome brave Mary’s new boy.*

*Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow,  
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.*

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**\* Those who are able, please stand**

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**Words of Welcome**

We welcome each one who has come to worship God today. Whether you are a faithful member, a treasured friend or an honored guest, we praise God for your presence. If you are a first-time visitor, please give us your name and address as the Friendship Register is passed to you in order that we may have a record of your presence with us. You are also invited to take one of the Crowders Creek pens with you as a memento to your visit today.

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