# Good News of Great Joy

**SUNDAY · DECEMBER 13**
**READ Luke 2:1-12**

The birth of Jesus was announced not to powerful rulers but to shepherds keeping watch in the fields. The angel called it good news of great joy for all the people. Why such joy? A Savior had been born. Christian joy is not a personality trait reserved for cheerful people, and it is not the absence of sadness. It is a response to what God has done for us in Christ. The manger tells us that God has kept His promise and come near to rescue ordinary sinners. The next time the season feels exhausting or imperfect, come back to the center of the announcement: 'For unto you is born this day ... a Savior.' Our deepest reason for rejoicing has already arrived.

**REFLECT**

What tends to crowd out the good news at the center of your Christmas celebrations?

**PRAY**

Father, renew our joy in the Savior You have given.