

First Church in Pembroke
Sunday Worship Service
May 17, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

“How to Experience Overflowing Joy”
By: Reverend Joy Matos

PRELUDE: Silent Meditation Contemplative Music

MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:8-9
8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP: Congregation in BOLD

- P: Let all who take refuge in you be glad;
- C: Let them ever sing for joy.
- P: Spread your protection over them,
- C: That those who love your name may rejoice in you.
- P: For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous;
- ALL: You surround them with your favor as with a shield.

OPENING HYMN: Please Stand # 303 (Black Hymnal)
“Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing”

PRAAYER OF INVOCATION: (All, please speak slowly)
Heavenly Father, fill this sanctuary with Your presence and fill our hearts with joy and gratitude as we worship You. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts rise as a pleasing fragrance to You, O Lord. We worship and adore you. We lay our lives before you. Glorify Your name in and through us, we pray. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE (*Congregation in bold*)
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up unto the Lord.
O Lord, open Thou our lips.
And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

GLORIA PATRI (*Sung in unison*)
Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

Dismissal of the Children to Sunday School

SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:1-11

SERMON: “How to Experience Overflowing Joy” Pastor Joy

HYMN: Please Stand. (See Insert) -- Celebration Hymnbook, #740
“Joy Unspeakable”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Please speak loudly)

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Please speak slowly)
Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE Musical Interlude

OFFERTORY INVITATION: 2 Corinthians 9:7-8
“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (Ushers Will Pass The Collection Plates.)

CHOIR WILL SING FOR US: # 319 (Black Hymnal)
“Sing Them Over Again to Me”

DOXOLOGY: # 515 (Red Hymnal)
“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Pastor Joy

CLOSING HYMN: Please Stand # 443 (Black Hymnal)
“There’s a Spirit in the Air”

BENEDICTION: (In unison & hold hands)
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Contemplative Music