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*First Baptist Church in Beverly's  
Advent Devotionals  
Week 1: Rejoice, Rejoice!*



## **WEEK 1: Rejoice, Rejoice!**

Monday, November 29, 2021 (Isaiah 9:2-4)

Written for you by Rev. Jaimie Crumley

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.”*

Are you ready to begin again? On this, the first Monday of Advent 2021, take some time to reflect on the places of darkness in our world. In today's passage from the prophet Isaiah (reproduced above for your reference), the word darkness refers to places of oppression. This passage makes it clear, God objects to oppression, wherever it might be found. God comes to all people who are weighed down beneath the challenges of this life. God destroys every burden. God has sent a great light into the world. The light gives us vision for the journey ahead. We all can revel in the joy of salvation!

**Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for sending a great light into the world.  
During the weeks ahead, help me to rejoice in knowing that You are with  
me. Amen.**

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