December 24, 2023 "Joy On An Elephant!" (Philippians 4:4-7)

It is God's will for us to be!
The Apostle Paul probably wrote this letter from, before his death.
We've all had moments where rises up in us.
In today's passage, we hear Paul telling the church-and us- to!
Today, the 4 th Sunday of Advent, is called the "candle Sunday" on the Advent wreath.
We know Advent as a season – a time of for Jesus' coming.
Unfortunately, gets in the way of Advent!
God invites you to joy in your life, instead of distraction and and worry!
We are shadowed by, broken by, frantic about paying bills, anxious about our, and terrified for our kids!
In being truly, the people God created us to be, there is the joy we know!
In embracing our lives, we come into God's presence as people!
So today, let's embrace! Let God fill you with His joy, and then you will be able to spread joy!

In the name of the Joy-Giver, The Christ of Christmas – Amen!