

## **ADVENT 3 - JOY (December 14, 2025)**

### **Interactive Reading - Wilderness Blooming**

*(Isaiah 35:1-10 • James 5:7-10 • Matthew 11:2-11)*

### **Patient Endurance - Joyful Expectation**

#### **Leader (Isaiah 35:1-2)**

"The WILDERNESS shall REJOICE and blossom - see the glory of the LORD."

#### **Congregation (Isaiah 35:3-4)**

"STRENGTHEN the weak hands - make firm the feeble knees."

#### **Leader (Isaiah 35:5-6)**

"Then the eyes of the BLIND shall be opened - the LAME shall leap like a deer."

#### **Congregation (Matthew 11:4-5)**

"The BLIND receive sight, the LAME walk - the poor have good news preached to them."

#### **Leader (James 5:7-8)**

"Be PATIENT - like the farmer waits for precious FRUIT from the earth."

#### **Congregation (James 5:8)**

"STRENGTHEN your hearts - the coming of the Lord is AT HAND."

**Leader (Isaiah 35:10)**

"The ransomed shall RETURN - everlasting JOY upon their heads."

**Joy-Echo Finish**

**Leader (Psalm 126:5-6):** "Those who sow in TEARS shall reap with shouts of JOY."

**Congregation (Philippians 4:4)** "REJOICE in the Lord always - again we say REJOICE."

**All (Matthew 11:6)** "BLESSED is the one who is not offended by who Christ is. Amen."

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