Series: Real Life Christmas
Message: Joy **December 15, 2019**

The Gift of Presence
Isaiah 9:6-7 | Luke 2:1-19

What do you do when "too good to be true" is true?

Go and see.
Jeremiah 29:13

Joy is relational, not circumstantial.
John 15:11 | James 1:2-3 | Galatians 5:22 | Philippians 1:3-6

My Joy is not based on what happens to me, but on what God is doing in me and through me.

Beware of Joy suckers.

- **Forgetting God's blessing.** Numbers 13-14
- **Wrong complaining**: It is ok to complain to God; it's not ok to complain about God.
- **Negativity (thoughts, people, environments).**
  Galatians 5:7-9 | 1 Corinthians 15:33 | Philippians 4:4-9 | Philippians 2:14 | 1 Peter 4:9 | James 5:9 | Psalm 100:4
- **Discontentment.** Matthew 20:10-11 | Deuteronomy 7:25

Joy is a delight: Psalm 43:3-4, 112:1 | 1 Thessalonians 2:19

- In the person of God.
- The purposes of God.
- The people of God.

Notes: