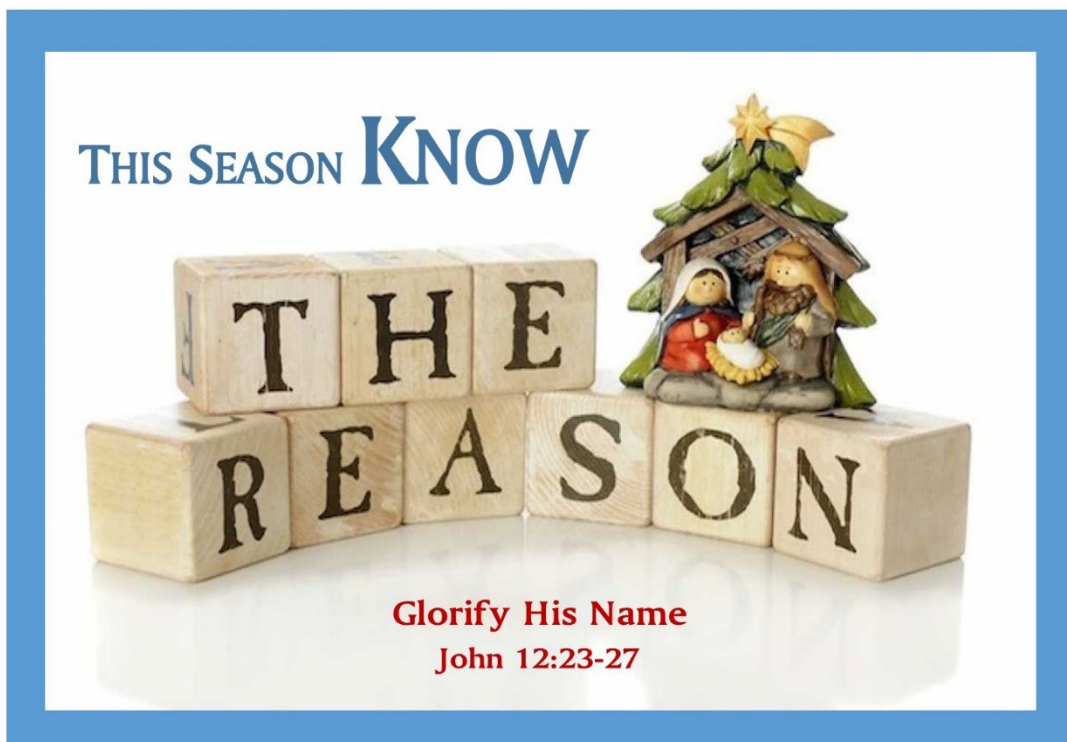


# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021



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**WORSHIP NOTES** - The emphasis in the season of Advent is not so much on our Savior's birth as it is on his return as our King, and so also on the preparations we need to be making as we await his royal return. Words of repentance, expectation and hope call for our attention during Advent. These are themes that run counter to the world's pre-Christmas emphasis. Secular society, impelled by the desire for instant gratification, celebrates a secular Christmas with the expectation of experiencing fulfillment now. By contrast, Christians express their yearning during Advent for fulfillment in the future when Jesus comes back again. Look for this emphasis during the Advent season in the hymns, the Psalms, the appointed lessons and the sermons. This also explains why we defer the singing of Christmas hymns and carols until just before the Christmas season comes.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** *Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins and temptation in an evil world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.*

**GUESTS** Welcome to our visitors!

**Restrooms:** At the far (south) side of the entry area.

**Parents' Room:** Also at the far (south) side of the entry area.

**Hearing Help:** Enhanced hearing units are available. Contact an usher.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE OPENING HYMN

"Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes"

CW, # 9:1-3

Jesus, your Church with longing eyes

For your expected coming waits.

When will the promised light arise

And glory beam from heaven's gates?

E'en now, when tempests round us fall

And wintry clouds o'ercast the sky,

Your words with pleasure we recall

And know that our redemption's nigh.

Come, gracious Lord, our hearts renew,

Our sins forgive, our foes suppress,

Our rooted enmity subdue,

And crown your gospel with success.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**P:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

**P:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**P:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### **FIRST READING** Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord - and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

Oh, come and reign o'er ev'ry land;  
Let Satan from his throne be hurled.  
Let nations bow to your command;  
Let grace revive a dying world.

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 1:1-9

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father " ? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son" ? And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

Teach us in watchfulness and prayer  
To wait for your appointed hour,  
And fit us by your grace to share  
The triumphs of your conqu'ring pow'r.

**THE GOSPEL**

John 12:23-29

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

**THE SERMON**

John 12:23-29

“For this Reason: Glorify His Name”

**NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE OFFERINGS**

*Online or in the entryway. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Please fill out a Guest Card located in the entryway, and drop it in the box on the Welcome Center so we can connect with you – thanks!*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen

## THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

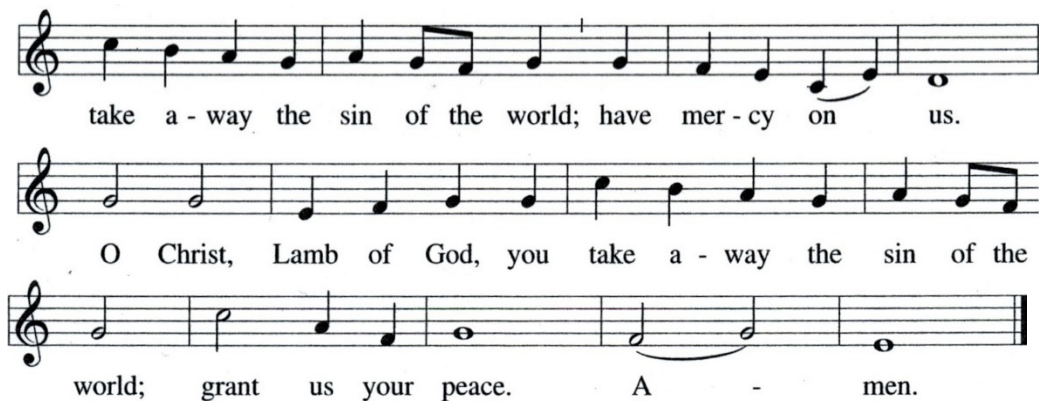
**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

### **O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



### THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Arise, O Christian People”

CW, # 14

Arise, O Christian people!  
 Prepare yourselves today.  
 Prepare to greet the Savior,  
 Who takes your sins away.  
 To us by grace alone  
 The truth and light was given;  
 The promised Lord from heaven  
 To all the world is shown.

Prepare the way before him;  
 Prepare for him the best.  
 Cast out what would offend him,  
 This great, this heav'nly guest.  
 Make straight, make plain the way:  
 The lowly valleys raising,  
 The heights of pride abasing,  
 His path all even lay.

The humble heart and lowly  
 God raises up on high;  
 Beneath his feet in terror  
 The haughty soul shall lie.  
 The heart sincere and right,  
 That heeds God's invitation  
 And makes true preparation --  
 It is the Lord's delight.

Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus;  
 Turn not from me aside,  
 And help me to receive you  
 This blessed Adventtide.  
 From stall and manger low  
 Come now to dwell within me;  
 I'll sing your praises gladly  
 And forth your glory show.

### **SERVICE CONTINUES**



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

**P:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



### **THE CLOSING HYMN**

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

CW, #28:1-2

Let the earth now praise the Lord,  
Who has truly kept his word  
And at last to us did send  
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

What the fathers most desired,  
What the prophets' heart inspired,  
What they longed for many a year  
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

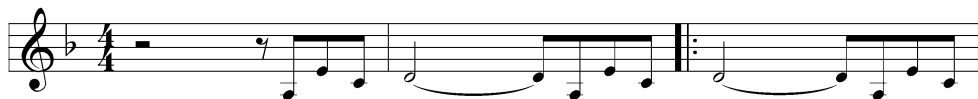
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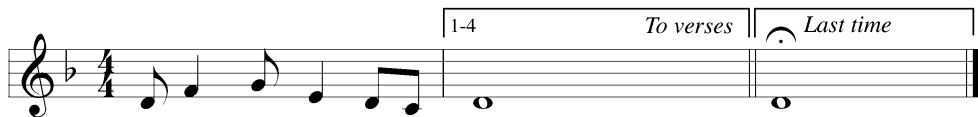
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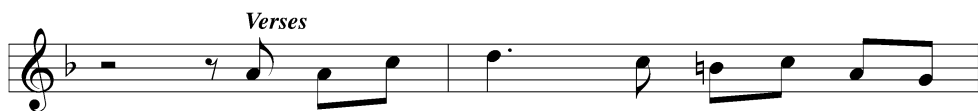
## My Soul in Stillness Waits



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits,



tru-ly my hope is in you. you.



1 O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of  
 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our  
 3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -  
 4 O Key of Know - ledge, guide us in our



glo - ry, Your ra-diance shines in all who look to  
 spir - its. Our thirs - ty hearts are yearn-ing for your  
 in us, And in your ad - vent draw us all to  
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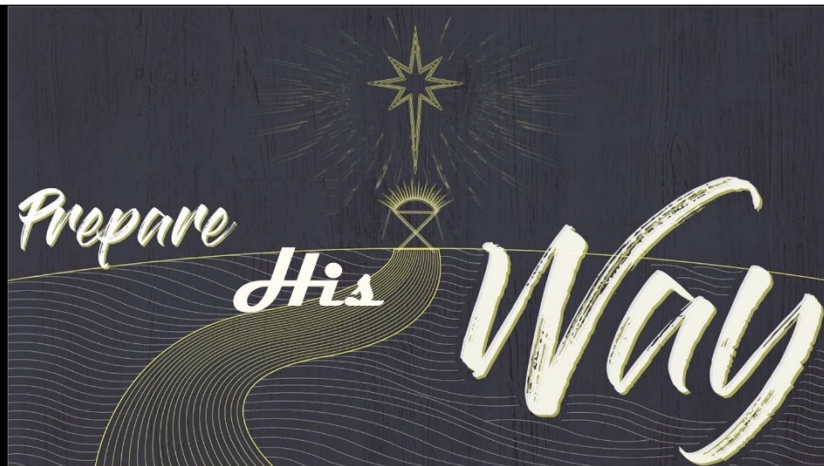


you. Come, light the hearts of all in dark and sha-dow.  
 Word. Come, make us whole, be com-fort to our hearts.  
 you, Our hope re - born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.  
 main. O - pen to us the path-way of your peace.

*This Advent hymn, based on the ancient "O" antiphons, calls to mind the Old Testament titles of our Savior and the longing of God's people for the Savior to come.*

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***The season of Advent*** is as much a time of contemplation as it is a time of preparation. It is a time to consider God's long-term plans, and how God has promised that he will intervene in the lives of his people — and in the world itself — on the coming Day of the Lord.

This three-week Bible study examines the Old Testament prophecies of our Lord's Advent, and shows how these prophetic words were fulfilled by the coming of Christ over 2020 years ago, and how they also point ahead to the return of Christ in his Second Coming. We learn to pause in the busy-ness of our preparations and observe the signs of his coming.

*Lesson 1    The Final Word    -    Malachi*  
*Lesson 2    A Child is Born    -    Isaiah*  
*Lesson 3    In the City of David    -    Malachi*

*He will be called...  
the Prince of Peace!*



**November 28, December 5 & 12**  
Adult Bible Study - Taught by Pastor Wagner  
In the Fellowship Hall - 9:15am Sundays



## ADVENT MID-WEEK SERIES

**"Beyond All Reasonable Doubt"**

Dec 2	-	Jesus' Reason for Getting Us Ready	3:30 & 7:00 pm
Dec 9	-	John's Reason for Saying the Kingdom is Near	
Dec 16	-	Elijah's Reason for Going Out to See	

## ADVENT SUNDAY SERMON SERIES

**"This Season Know the Reason"**

Nov 28	-	For this Reason: Miraculous Signs	
Dec 5	-	For this Reason: Glorify His Name	8:00 & 10:30 am
Dec 12	-	For this Reason: Confess Our Faith	
Dec 19	-	For this Reason: Hated by Association	

## OUR SAVIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm Family Life Center

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Children's Service  
8:00 pm Candlelight Song Service

## CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Festival Worship

## NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

# ADVENT



**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.**

## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (12/5)	<b>8:00</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/communion</b>
	9:15	AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15	AM	Sunday School
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/communion</b>
Tuesday	4:00	PM	Spiritual Growth Meeting
Wednesday	4:00	PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	<b>3:30</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Advent Mid- Week Worship Service</b>
	<b>7:00</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Advent Mid- Week Worship Service</b>
Saturday	10:00	AM	K-6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School Christmas Practice
Sunday (12/12)	<b>8:00</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>
	9:15	AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15	AM	Sunday School
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>
	11:45	AM	Voters' Meeting

### Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Nehemiah 8:9-18
Second Lesson	Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel	Luke 3:7-18
Psalm	Psalm 14

## **THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE** KNOW THE REASON **Service Theme**

### **PREACHING:**

Jeff Samelson

### **ORGANIST:**

Monica Dierker

**HYMNS:** 9:1-3, 9:4, 9:5, 703,  
14, 28:1-2

### **FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 11:1-10

### **SECOND READING:**

Hebrews 1:1-9

### **GOSPEL READING:**

John 12:23-29

### **THE SERMON:**

John 12:23-29

“For this Reason:  
Glorify His Name”

## **FLOWERS**

The Flowers this  
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