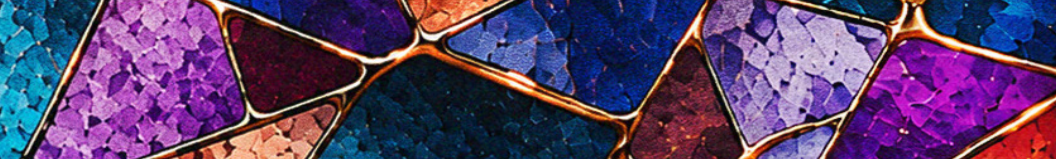

Joyful
Noise
ADVENT DEVOTIONAL 2026



The season of Advent is a special time for the church. It is a time each year that is set aside for us to consider the miracle of Jesus' arrival on earth. The word advent comes from a Latin word that means "coming" or "arrival".

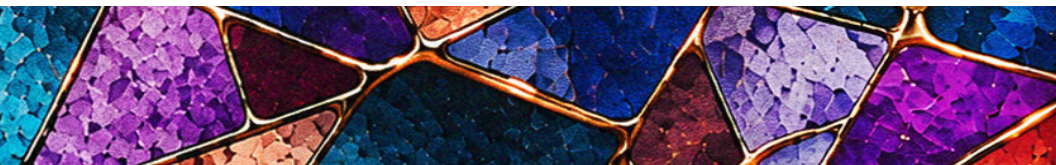
This year our Advent Series is titled *Joyful Noise*! Over the next four weeks, we will consider some of the major themes of God's promises and their fulfillment in the coming of Jesus Christ! Each week we will focus on one passage of scripture and one traditional Christmas Carol that carry the same message. The reading guide is built to help you explore that message in different parts of the Bible as you prepare for Sunday.

Each day you will find a new passage of scripture to read and think about. Go through the steps and practice meditating on the verses, observing key ideas, and comparing them to other passages in scripture. Each weekend we invite you to read and reflect on the lyrics of each carol and consider how it relates to the sermon passage.

Use this guide to help you meditate on God's miraculous work and faithfulness in fulfilling his promises. The arrival of Jesus, our savior, was more than an event. It was the dawn of a new era of hope.

"A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!"

- O Holy Night





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SERMON PASSAGE: MATTHEW 1:18-25

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NOVEMBER 26

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NOVEMBER 27

READ: PSALM 130

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NOVEMBER 28 & 29

SERMON PASSAGE: MATTHEW 1:18-25

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O come, O come, Immanuel

O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.



O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe for us the heavenward road
and bar the way to death's abode.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O King of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
and be yourself our King of Peace.

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NOVEMBER 30

READ: JOHN 1:9-14

SERMON PASSAGE: PSALM 98

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DECEMBER 2

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DECEMBER 4

READ: REVELATION 21:1-5; 22:1-5
SERMON PASSAGE: PSALM 98

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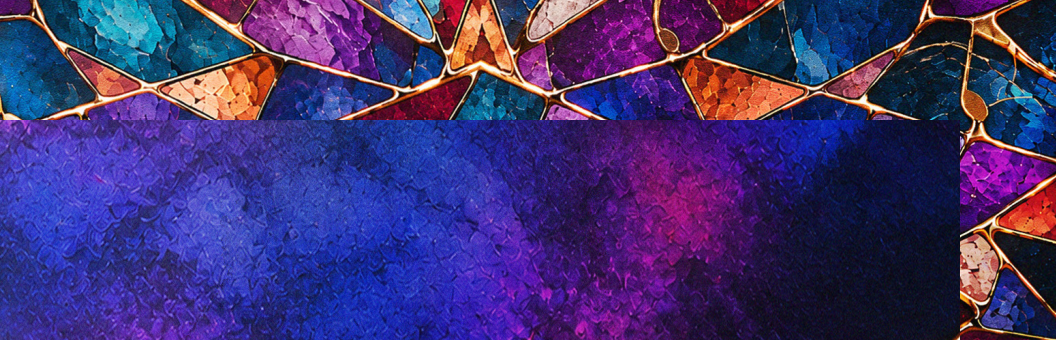

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DECEMBER 5 & 6

SERMON PASSAGE: PSALM 98

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Joy To The World

Joy to the world; the Lord is come;
Let Earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing..

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns;
Our mortal songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love.





DECEMBER 7

READ: 2 CORINTHIANS 2:5-17
SERMON PASSAGE: LUKE 2:8-14

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DECEMBER 8

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DECEMBER 9

READ: MALACHI 4:1-3

SERMON PASSAGE: LUKE 2:8-14

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DECEMBER 10

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SERMON PASSAGE: LUKE 2:8-14

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DECEMBER 11

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DECEMBER 12 & 13

SERMON PASSAGE: LUKE 2:8-14

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Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"



Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

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DECEMBER 14

READ: LUKE 40:9-23

SERMON PASSAGE: LUKE 2:8-20

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DECEMBER 19 & 20

SERMON PASSAGE: LUKE 2:8-20

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Go Tell It On The Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold thru-out the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.



Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

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DECEMBER 21

READ: MICAH 5:2-5

CHRISTMAS EVE PASSAGE: LUKE 2:1-7

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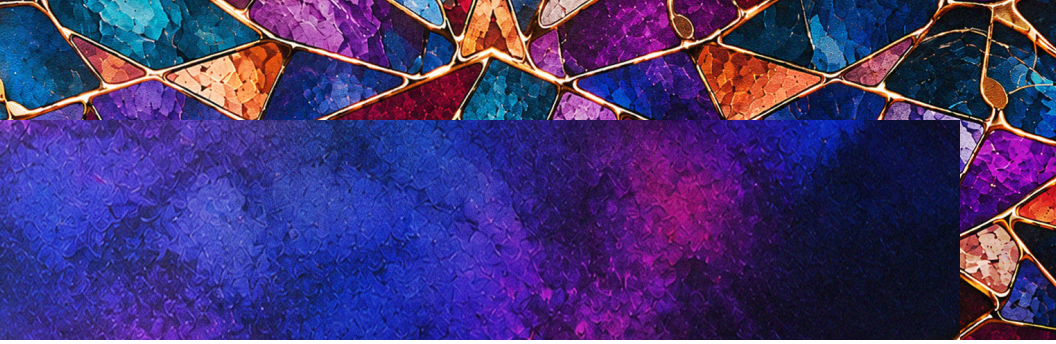

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CHRISTMAS EVE PASSAGE: LUKE 2:1-7

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Away In A Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the heavens looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.





DECEMBER 25

READ: LUKE 2:1-21

As you read Luke 2:1-21, consider the gift of Jesus' birth. Spend a few minutes reflecting on how this miraculous moment of history reveals the heart of God.

Look back through your notes from the last four weeks in this booklet. What has God been teaching you about himself through this study? How do you plan to respond to what you have learned?




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