

WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

What is Advent?

The season of Advent includes the four Sundays prior to Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent also marks the beginning of the traditional church year. The color purple has usually been associated with Advent—a sign of Christ's royalty.

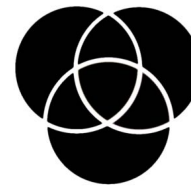
The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means “coming into.” Advent is a celebration of Christ's coming. While many think Advent is simply a countdown to Christmas, traditionally it is much more than that. During Advent we celebrate at least three ways Christ comes to us.

Christ's First Advent was, indeed, his coming to earth in the flesh as He was born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus was the long-expected Messiah promised to Israel. That's why many of the traditional scripture readings and songs for Advent borrow from the Old Testament prophets.

Secondly, Christ comes to us right now through the ministry of His Spirit in his Word, his Sacraments, and the fellowship of believers (Matt. 18:20; 28:20). Advent is a time for cherishing these gifts.

The third coming of Christ that we celebrate is his future coming, his Second Advent. Jesus told us that he would come again and take us to himself, that we might be with him forever (John 14:3). The traditional Gospel readings for Advent focus on Christ's Second Coming and this sets the primary tone for the season.

Advent is a celebration of all the ways Christ has come, does come, and will come to us again. It is therefore a season of repentance, prayer, preparation, and eager expectation in which our hearts learn to cry: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 3rd, 2023

The First Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jeremiah 23:5-6

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

†Congregational Singing

“The Advent of Our King”

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Behold, the Lord comes to save us.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

†Collect

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

#123 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Isaiah 1:18

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Merciful God, we confess we have not prepared the way for your Son's Advent. We ignore what you have done, neglect what you are doing, and forget what you will do. Make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await our coming King; that when He shall appear, He may not find us sleeping in sin but active in His service and joyful in His praise; we ask this through Him whose

coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord
Jesus Christ. Amen!

†Assurance of Forgiveness
†Congregational Singing

“Our Great God”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Psalm 136:1-11, 23-26
Epistle Reading Acts 4:23-31
†Gospel Reading Mark 10:46-52
†Profession of Faith The Philippian Hymn
Sermon Pastor Chad Anderson

“Praying with One Voice”
Sermon Series: Christian Worship

Offertory
†Doxology #625 (*a cappella*)
†Prayer of Dedication

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: “May the Peace of Christ be with you” (Jn. 14:27), and the response: “And also with you.”

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing “Christ is Mine Forevermore”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction
†Congregational Response #628 IV “Threefold Amen”
Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer
Nursery Volunteers: Kacia Hughett

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, December 3rd - *The First Sunday in Advent*

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

Monday, December 4th

5:30 p.m. . . . Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 6th

5:30 p.m. . . . Deacon Meeting

- ❖ We will hold a **training session for all members of our A/V Team** on Wednesday, December 13th, at 7:00 p.m. New team members will learn the basics of running the livestream equipment for Sunday services. Interested in joining the A/V Team? Speak to Pastor Dave.
- ❖ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$3,952.93. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$173,928.92. Received 10/29: \$4,813.93. Received year-to-date: \$171,739.91.
- ❖ **December Birthdays:** (4) Joshua Sykes 2004, (5) Megan Holl, (6) Becky Parish, (13) Steven Lano 2015, (14) Don Bates, (20) Chuck Larsen, (25) Doug Sykes, (27) Rosalind Rodgers 2016, (29) Janet Irlmeier, Sarah Salyer

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ That God would keep us from legalism, making His Grace the source for all we do.
- ❖ Presbytery: Zion Church in Lincoln - Pastors Stu Kerns, Keith Ghormley, Tag Tuck, and Youth Leader Kyle Lindgren.
- ❖ Missions: Matthew and Cathy Groves - Cru at Missouri State University
- ❖ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl.

STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)

Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano

Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Micah Holl, Sam Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

WIC: Annie Hooton (President, Servant Support), Kacia Hughett (Vice President, Nursery), Sarah Salyer (Secretary, Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Lori Wimmer (Kitchen), Kristin Holl (Women's Events), Karen Salyer (Church Fellowship)

Youth Group: Eric Wood

Custodian: Charis Wood, Charlotte Hajda