

**10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

AS WE GATHER

“Look out!” is about all we can yell as something unexpected is about to happen. The person we are warning has to be awake in order to respond. That’s why Jesus tells His disciples, including us, to be awake and watchful for His return. He is our Lord and Master—our King! Advent is a gracious time of preparation for Jesus’ coming, once in history, to us in Word and Sacrament today, and at the end of time. When our Lord returns, it will be to usher in the kingdom of God, which Isaiah says will be so peaceful they will “beat their swords into plowshares.” Before that day, preparing means leading loving lives, Paul tells us, for “salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.” Look out! The King comes!

“Goodness Love And Mercy” Preservice #1

Oh Lord You're my Shepherd
You make me lie in fields of green
You lead me by the still waters
You restore righteousness to me
Though I walk through the valley
I will fear no evil thing
For You are with me and You comfort me

Surely goodness love and mercy will follow wherever I go
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I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever
I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever

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I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever

Surely goodness love and mercy will follow wherever I go
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"Born That We May have Life" Preservice #2

No reputation, no stately bearing
No palace bed for royalty
But a star in the heavens
A sign full of wonder
Announcing the coming of the King of kings

Rejoice! O, world Your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of Man
Born that we may have life
You were born that we may have life

A throne in a manger, the cross in a cradle
The hidden revealing this glorious plan
A child who would suffer
A child who would conquer
The sin of every woman, the sin of every man

Rejoice! O, world Your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of Man
Born that we may have life
You were born that we may have life

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+ PREPARATION +

**BELLS – CALL TO WORSHIP
PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“How Many Kings” Opening Song

Follow the star to a place unexpected
Would you believe after all we've projected
A child in a manger
Lowly and small the weakest of all
Unlikeliest hero wrapped in His mother's shawl
Just a child
Is this who we've waited for 'cause

How many kings stepped down from their thrones
How many lords have abandoned their homes
How many greats have become the least for me
And how many gods have poured out their hearts
To romance a world that is torn all apart
How many fathers gave up their sons for me

Bringing out gifts for the newborn Savior
All that we have whether costly or meek
Because we believe
Gold for His honor and frankincense for His pleasure
And myrrh for the cross He'll suffer
Do you believe
Is this who we've waited for

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How many lords have abandoned their homes
How many greats have become the least for me
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How many lords have abandoned their homes
How many greats have become the least for me
How many gods have poured out their hearts
To romance a world that is torn all apart
How many fathers gave up their sons for me

Only one did that for me

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Stay awake,

People: **for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.**

Pastor: For salvation is nearer to us now

People: **than when we first believed.**

Pastor: They shall beat their swords into plowshares,

People: **and their spears into pruning hooks.**

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me,

People: **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our Lord urges us to stay awake and watch for His return, when He will usher in the kingdom of God. Paul tells us to “cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

People: **In our fallen sinful condition, our thoughts, words, and deeds often reflect the fallen world around us. Heavenly Father, forgive us for Jesus’ sake, and by Your Holy Spirit turn our feet to walk in ways pleasing to You. Awaken our faith that we greet You whenever You return.**

Pastor: Our Lord’s first coming was to save us—to die and rise in our place. When we receive His body and blood in the Lord’s Supper, it is for the remission of sins. When He returns, it will be to usher in the kingdom of God, in which He promised through Isaiah, “He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **O Lord, Emmanuel, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **O Lord, Wisdom from on high, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: O Lord, Branch of Jesse's tree, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: O Lord, Key of David, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

People: that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Isaiah 2:1–5**
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

EPISTLE **Romans 13:(8–10) 11–14**
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HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 24:36–44**
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APOSTLE'S CREED

“Jesus, Only Jesus” Sermon Song

Who has the power to raise the dead?
Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness
Jesus, only Jesus

Who can make the blind to see?
Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace
Jesus, only Jesus

Holy, King almighty Lord
Saints and angels all adore
I join with them and bow before
Jesus, only Jesus

Who can command the highest praise?
Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone, I stand amazed
Jesus, only Jesus
Holy, King almighty Lord
Saints and angels all adore
I join with them and bow before
Jesus, only Jesus

You will command the highest praise!
Yours is the name above all names!
You stand alone, I stand amazed
Jesus, only Jesus!
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SERMON “Ready or Not”

OFFERING

‘Bless This Offering’ Offering Song

God of Love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.
May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.
Give us courage to stand for truth, help us care for others.
God of Love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.

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LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

“From The Day” Closing Song

When You found me, I was so blind
My sin was before me, I was swallowed
by pride
But out of the darkness, You brought me
to Your light
You showed me new mercy and opened
up my eyes

From the day You saved my soul
'Til the very moment when I come home
I'll sing, I'll dance, my heart will overflow
From the day You saved my soul

Where brilliant light is all around
And endless joy is the only sound
Oh, rest my heart forever now
Oh, in Your arms I'll always be found

From the day You saved my soul
'Til the very moment when I come home
I'll sing, I'll dance, my heart will overflow
From the day You saved my soul

My love is Yours
My heart is Yours
My life is Yours
Forever
My love is Yours
My heart is Yours
My life is Yours
Forever

From the day You saved my soul
'Til the very moment when I come home
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Go in Peace.
Allow Advent to help you
Behold the Child!