



WORSHIP SUPPLEMENT

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Luke 1:26-38

"The Gift of Hope"

Full series synopsis [HERE](#).



WORSHIP

KIDS, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO TELL THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD!

We're inviting all kids to take part in a special Christmas program as we celebrate the birth of baby Jesus! This short program will take place at the beginning of the

10:30am worship service on **December 7** at the Christian Life Center.

Together, we'll sing favorite Christmas carols, read verses from Luke 2, and bring the Nativity story to life with beloved characters from that first Christmas night! To help us plan, please let us know if you can join us that day by registering [HERE](#).

There will be no extra rehearsals—song practice will happen during KidZone on Wednesday evenings, and kids will also hear the songs during Sunday School. We'll send home a link to the songs so families can practice together at home. We hope you'll join us as we share in this amazing and miraculous story, celebrating the love, joy, and peace that we find in Jesus!



CONNECT

ADVENT SERMON SERIES SMALL GROUPS If you are looking for a small group this Advent season, join one of our sermon series groups that will be following our new Advent series. Find a group that works for you by visiting our website or

by contacting one of our Connection Coordinators, [Maci Andersen](#) (Uptown) or [Amity Wagner](#) (CLC).

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - LIGHT BEYOND SHADOW Join us on the second Sunday of Advent, December 7, at 5:00pm in the Uptown Sanctuary for *Light Beyond Shadow*, to enjoy an evening of choral and instrumental music celebrating the hope, peace, and love that shine even in life's darkest moments. Featuring our Chancel Choir, Bells of Faith, Instruments of Peace, Praise Ringers, and special soloists, this concert will fill our sanctuary with the sounds of the season—from joyful carols to Dan Forrest's stunning *Light Beyond Shadow*. Stay after the concert for a hot cocoa social in the Fellowship Hall as we share conversation and community.



RESPOND

SEASON OF GIVING Each year, we share a list of giving options that we hope you'll consider as part of your generosity during the Advent season. We encourage you to take a look as you plan your giving. Click [HERE](#) to view the listing.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Children (3 years - 5th grade) are invited to Sunday School Uptown at 9:00am & at the CLC at 9:00 & 10:30am.

NURSERY CARE Nursery care is available at the CLC and Uptown during worship.

YOUTH Our youth group meets at the CLC every Wednesday through the school year. 6-12th Grades: 6:30-7:30pm.

SPORTS & FITNESS Visit our [registration page](#) for the latest sports & fitness opportunities that you can register to participate in!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP TIMES

Uptown: 9:00 & 10:30am (Traditional)

CLC: 9:00 & 10:30am (Contemporary)

ONLINE BROADCAST TIMES

CLC (9:00 & 10:30am) & Uptown (9:00am)

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