

DECEMBER 24, 2022
5:00 PM

THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

THE "WHY" OF CHRISTMAS
JOHN 3:16



During this Christmas season we have been looking at the Reason for the Season here at Waypoint. We've looked at the when, who, how, what, and now why of Christmas tonight. Martin Luther has said [John 3:16](#), tonight's scripture, is "the Bible in miniature". It also tells us the why of Christmas. Tonight, we celebrate the coming of Christ, the savior of the world!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:6

Songs of Praise

Joy To The World
Away In a Manager

Children's Message

Advent Reading - *The Jesus Candle*

Luke 2:6-7

Reading by Paul and Valerie Thompson

Song of Declaration

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Sermon - The "Why" of Christmas

Sermon Scripture - [John 3:16](#)

Introduction

- ◊ "[[John 3:16](#) is] the Bible in miniature" - **Martin Luther**

God's Love

- What is the object of God's love?
- How can we be sure that God's plan cannot fail?
 - ◊ "God's love has at its heart an almighty purpose to bless which cannot be thwarted." - **J.I. Packer**

God's Plan

- What is God's plan? How did God accomplish this salvation?
- Why was it important that Jesus entered humanity?
 - ◊ [Isaiah 53:4-5](#)

Our Role

- What is important about belief?
- What must we do to ensure our salvation?

Song of Response

Silent Night

Angels We Have Heard On High

Benediction