



This morning, we start our new Advent series. Our goal is to walk away with a greater understand of Jesus, who He is and what He came to do. This morning we see how God began laying out his plan of salvation from the very beginning. Before Christ was born. Before the fall. Even before the Earth was formed, Jesus was and is the promised redeemer!

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 100*

### Songs of Praise

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

*The Lion and the Lamb*

### Advent Reading

*Charles and Emily Puglisi*

### Announcements and Offering

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*Please prayerfully consider an online offering*

# Confession of Faith

## *Apostles' Creed*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,*

(Isaiah 44:6; 45:5)

*Maker of heaven and earth.*

(Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3; Acts 14:15)

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,*

(Luke 2:11; John 20:28; John 3:16; John 20:28)

*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit*

(Luke 1:35)

*and born of the virgin Mary.*

(Luke 1:27)

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,*

(Luke 23:23-25)

*was crucified, died, and was buried;*

(John 19:20; Acts 4:10; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 1 Corinthians 15:4)

*he descended into hell.*

(1 Peter 3:18; Luke 23:43)

*The third day he rose again from the dead.*

(1 Corinthians 15:4; Matthew 28:1, 5-10)

*He ascended into heaven*

(Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Acts 1:11)

*and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.*

(Mark 16:19; Hebrews 1:3)

*From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

(2 Timothy 4:1; John 5:22)

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,*

(John 15:26; 16:7-8, 13-14; Acts 13:2)

*the holy catholic\* church,*

(Galatians 3:26-29)

*the communion of saints,*

(Revelation 19:14; Hebrews 10:25)

*the forgiveness of sins,*

(Luke 7:48)

*the resurrection of the body,*

(1 Thessalonians 4:16; John 6:39)

*and the life everlasting.*

(John 10:28; 17:2-3)

*Amen.*

## Song of Declaration

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

## Sermon - *The Promised Redeemer*

Sermon Scripture - [Genesis 3:1-15](#)

### The Why

- How is this passage central to the entire message of scripture?
- Why is a redeemer needed?
  - [Genesis 2:15-17](#)
  - [Genesis 3:17](#)

- [Romans 5:12](#)
- Why is it so important to grasp the reality of our sin during the advent season?

## The How

- What does [Philippians 4:19](#) tell us about how we should view our relationship to God?
- What is the essence of sin?
  - *"...the essence of sin is not (primarily) the violation of laws but a wrecked relationship with God, one another, and the whole created order." - **Barbara Brown Taylor***
  - *"...because we cannot stand the God shaped hole inside of us we try stuffing it full of all sorts of things, but only God may fill it. - **Simone Weil***
- What is the first prophecy in scripture?

## The Meaning

- What do we often make Christmas about? What is it really about?
- What do we learn in [1 Peter 1:18-20](#)?
- How can we be saved ([Romans 5:15](#))?

## Song of Response

*Hallelujah*

## Benediction

1. How do you view the Advent season? What do you like most about it?
2. How would you answer the question, "who is Jesus?"
3. What passages, other than the [Genesis 3](#), come to mind when you think about monumental moments in scripture? Why?
4. Read [Philippians 4:19](#). What does Paul mean? How can we misconstrue this verse?
5. What is the meaning of Christmas? How do most people view Christmas today?
6. Read [1 Peter 1:18-20](#). What does Peter say about God's plan of salvation?