

**Christmas – Advent Is All
About Preparation for
“The Arrival!”**

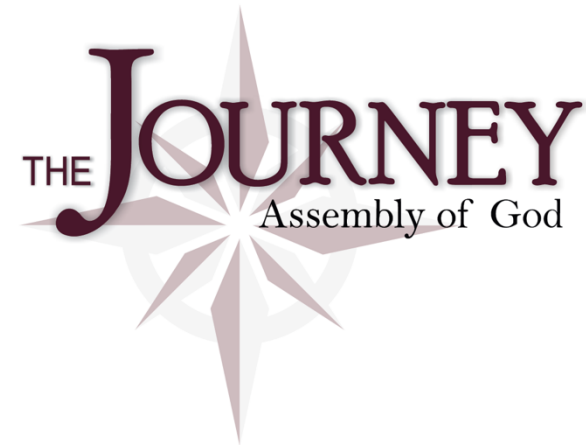


- ✧ The Arrival is about God's Coming To Earth In Human Form ~ The Baby Jesus.
- ✧ The Arrival is about God's Plan of Salvation ~ The Savior of the World Has Come. (John 3:16-17; Matthew 1:20-21; Luke 2:10-11)
- ✧ The Arrival is about God's Desire To Engage Your Heart ~ To Be Emmanuel, "God With Us!" (Revelation 3:20)



**✧ MY NEXT STEPS
TODAY...**

- ☐ **Ask the Lord to Speak to Me** ~ God desires to communicate to your heart.
- ☐ **Open My Ears To Hear God's Voice** ~ God is looking to speak to those who are listening.
- ☐ **Step Out In Faith** ~ Trust God's plans and purposes in my life.
- ☐ **Step Out In Obedience** ~ Put action to my faith and do what God says.
- ☐ **Open My Heart to God's Gift of Salvation** ~ Make a faith decision and prayerfully place my **faith** in Jesus Christ, God's Son, by **recognizing Him** as my personal **Lord** and **Savior** and by asking and receiving the forgiveness of my sins.



MESSAGE GUIDE

*Speaker: Pastor Mark Geer
Sunday: December 7, 2025*



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Today's Message:

CHRISTMAS SERIES:

THE ARRIVAL

Advent Preparations

#1 "The Journey of Faith"

Text: Matthew 1:18-25 / Luke 1:26-38



THE ARRIVAL *"The Journey of Faith"*

Christmas Message Series Preview

✧ Advent – "The Arrival" of Jesus Christ. We're going on a Journey...

↳ The Journey of Faith

↳ The Journey to Bethlehem

↳ The Journey to the Manger



Christmas Preparation

✧ The most important thing we can prepare is our hearts!

Joseph's Story: Matthew 1:18-25

✧ ²⁰ "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Joseph's Journey of Faith

✧ Joseph's Journey begins with a dream (vv.20-21)



- ✧ Shock & Awe (vv.18-19)
- ✧ Time in Prayer & Reflection (v.20a)
- ✧ Obedience Plays A Huge Role in the Christmas Story (vv.22-24)

Mary's Story: Luke 1:26-38

✧ ²⁸ "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" ³⁰ "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus." "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God..." ³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible."

Mary's Journey of Faith

- ✧ A Troubling Greeting (v.28)
- ✧ Divine Revelation (vv.31-33)
- ✧ Mary's Got One Question (v.34)
 - ↳ **The Arrival of Jesus Christ Has Been Announced!**
- ✧ Mary's Response (v.38)



Your Journey of Faith

- ✧ Where does God find you at this Christmas?
- ✧ Are you prepared to hear from God, to listen to His voice, and to respond to Him in faith and obedience?
- ✧ Faith is the key – Obedience is required – and God's blessings are sure to follow!

