

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)

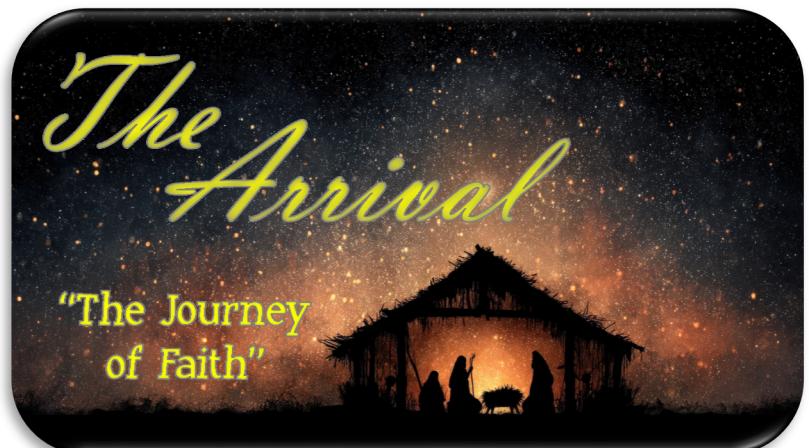


✖ **MY NEXT STEPS TODAY...**

- 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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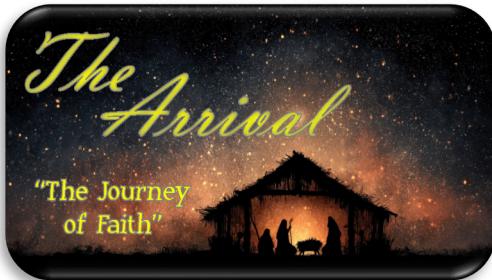
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Today's Message:

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 Angel Gabriel Has Answers (vv.35-37)
 - ↳ **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!

