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# Reading Plan

Monday, December 2  
Genesis 1:26-31

Friday, December 13  
Isaiah 53:1-12

Tuesday, December 3  
Genesis 3:1-24

Saturday, December 14  
Isaiah 61:1-3

Wednesday, December 4  
Genesis 3:15

Monday, December 16  
Jeremiah 23:5-6

Thursday, December 5  
Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Tuesday, December 17  
Micah 5:2

Friday, December 6  
Isaiah 7:10-14

Wednesday, December 18  
Zechariah 9:9-10

Saturday, December 7  
Isaiah 11:1-5

Thursday, December 19  
Malachi 3

Monday, December 9  
Isaiah 19:19-25

Friday, December 20  
Luke 1:1-25

Tuesday, December 10  
Isaiah 40:9-11

Saturday, December 21  
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 11  
Isaiah 42:1-4

Monday, December 23  
Luke 1:39-56

Thursday, December 12  
Isaiah 49:1-7

Tuesday, December 24  
Luke 1:57-80

Merry Christmas!  
Luke 2:21-38

Dear Cross & Crown Family,

Christmas is a time of year that holds sweet memories for our family. It is a time of celebration and tradition that we look forward to each year. Since Andrea and I were married, we have created and observed new and old traditions that are anticipated staples of joy throughout the Christmas season in our home. Our kids look forward to and talk about these traditions every year.

We would like to share one of our traditions that is at the center of our family's Christmas celebration: Advent. It is a time to remember Christ's birth while also looking ahead to His triumphant return. Advent is observed on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

There is much joy and celebration during this month. However, it can also be a frantic and stressful time to create the "perfect" Christmas season. It is our hope that this tradition of Advent will help you, and those you celebrate with, find a few minutes of stillness and calm as you reflect on these attributes of God together. So set time in your week aside now! Gather up some yummy food and beverages to share with family and friends, light a fire or some candles and settle in for an Advent season that will put our hope and focus on Jesus. Let's practice stillness together this Advent season and rejoice in our Humble and Exalted King!

With love,

Pastor Matthias

# Advent Sundays

**Hope**, our hope is in Jesus.

**Love**, God so loved the world that He gave His Son.

**Joy**, we celebrate the joy we have been given in Jesus.

**Peace**, in Jesus alone we have peace.



*“May the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”*

Romans 15:13

Week 1

December 1

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# Hope

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Light the first candle for hope.





The first week of advent we celebrate that our hope is in Jesus and the promise of His second coming. Hope is an expectation of what is sure or certain. Our hope is fixed on Jesus; our sure and certain Savior.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” **1 Peter 1:3**

“Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.” **Psalms 42:5**

### **SING**

O Little Town of Bethlehem  
We Three Kings of Orient Are

Week 2

December 8

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# Love

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Light the first candle for hope  
and the second candle for love.



The second week of Advent we celebrate the love of God that was shown to us through the birth of Jesus. We are recipients of God's unending and sacrificial love. He chose to love us and save us by sending Jesus to be our Savior. We also celebrate the love that God has given us by loving others.

“...the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son...” **1 John 4:9-10**

“...love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again...” **1 Peter 1:22-23**

## **SING**

Away in the Manger

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Week 3

December 15

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Joy

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Light the first candle for hope,  
the second candle for love,  
and the third for joy.



The third week of Advent we celebrate the joy we have been given in Jesus. Joy is active evidence of the Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts. Though this world is full of suffering, we are able to ‘rejoice with joy’ because we have salvation in Jesus!

“Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” **1 Peter 1:8-9**

“...I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.” **Habakkuk 3:18**

## **SING**

Joy to the World  
O Come All Ye Faithful

Week 4

December 22

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# Peace

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Light the first candle for hope,  
the second candle for love,  
the third for joy,  
and the fourth for peace.



The fourth week of Advent we celebrate the peace that is found in Jesus. The Hebrew word ‘shalom’ is translated as peace. Peace is God’s gift of wholeness to His people.

“And through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.” **Colossians 1:20**

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them  
be afraid.” **John 14:27**

**SING**

Silent Night

First Noel

# Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And Heaven and nature sing,

And Heaven and nature sing,

And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders, of His love



# Silent Night

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace!  
Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus lord at thy birth!  
Jesus lord at thy birth!

# The First Noel

The first noel the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
In fields as they lay

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel, noel, noel, noel  
Born is the King of Israel

And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night

Noel, noel, noel, noel  
Born is the King of Israel  
Noel, noel, noel, noel  
Born is the King of Israel

# O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the king of angels

Oh come let us adore Him  
Oh come let us adore Him  
Oh come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Sing, Choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God,  
Glory in the highest

Oh come let us adore Him  
Oh come let us adore Him  
Oh come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

# O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
And drive away the shades of night,  
And pierce the clouds and bring us light.

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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# Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head

The stars in the sky, looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh'

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me for ever and love me, I pray

Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And take us to Heaven to live with Thee there

# We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts, we traverse far  
Field and fountain  
Moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

Oh, star of wonder,  
star of might  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading  
Still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light

Born a babe  
on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold we bring  
to crown him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign

Oh, star of wonder,  
star of might  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading  
Still proceeding  
Guide us to the perfect light

Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a deity nigh  
Prayer and praising,  
all men raising  
Worship God on high

Oh, star of wonder,  
star of might  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading  
Still proceeding  
Guide us to the perfect light

# O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless  
sleep

The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears  
of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep,  
the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing  
to God the King  
And Peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human  
hearts

The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may his His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will  
receive him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin  
and enter in  
Be born to us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us,  
abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

# Christmas Memory Page

Who are you celebrating Advent with this year?

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What Christmas traditions did you celebrate this year? What traditions were new?

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What is your favorite Christmas song?

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# Merry Christmas

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