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**ADVENT**  
HOUSTON

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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## WELCOME TO ADVENT!

Advent means “arrival” or “coming.” Many of us have a temptation to believe that we can live a good enough life or do the right things to make our way to God. We think that if we do enough of the right types of things, then God will allow us into His home. But the Bible tells us again and again that we are never the first movers in this relationship. God is always the initiator. He spoke all things into being; He created; and He pursues. He is the one who arrives. And we see this in the first advent of God.

John begins his gospel by saying, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (ESV). God the Son came to us in the first advent: what the church calls the incarnation. He didn’t wait for us to try and make our way to his heavenly abode. He didn’t stand above us to lecture us or condemn us. He came to us. In fact, he became one of us, taking on flesh, pain, sorrows, and death.

And God hasn’t stopped there. After Jesus came into this world to inaugurate the reign of God on earth as it is in heaven, after he died on the cross to atone for our sins, and after he was raised from the dead to defeat sin and death, He ascended to heaven to assume the throne. Scripture tells us that he will come again. And when he comes again, he is bringing the new heavens and the new earth with him.

It is in this second advent, that Jesus promises to make all things new. Though he has already dealt with sin and death, it isn’t until he comes again that death will be eradicated.

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | LENT | **EASTER** | PENTECOST | ORDINARY

## EASTER

“Christ is the one in whom life and the new creation, the beginning again of our lives and all of creation, is assured. Our Easter calling is to let him live in us, to embrace by faith his new life, to let it take hold of us, to participate in him and his resurrection for the life of the whole world. In this way we are born again (John 3:3); we are made a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17).

...The message of Easter is that the way of being in Jesus, the way of living the new resurrected life is through participation. This message is very different than the message I all too frequently hear about Easter day. I hear that knowing God is accomplished through the way of intellectual evidence: Believe the facts and that will transform your life. I also hear that knowing God is accomplished through the way of emotion: Feel God. Feel forgiveness. ... But the emphasis of the early church fathers and the ancient church is knowing God through the way of participation. We participate in Christ by living the life of our baptism into his death and resurrection. This is a daily, existential, moment-by-moment experience as we choose in this or that situation to die to the sins for which Christ died and choose the life of the Spirit for which Christ was raised to new life.”<sup>5</sup>

Easter is a fifty-day period in the church calendar that lasts from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday (the celebration of God’s sending of the Holy Spirit). This fifty day period is not merely meant to be an extended celebration – although it is that. But, as lent was a time of preparation for new Christians to join the church, Easter was a time of continued education of those newly welcomed Christians. This instruction was intended to be a teaching of “mystagogy” – a leading through the mysteries, chiefly the mystery of the sacraments.

Thus, Easter became a time for Christians to learn the pattern of baptism and to learn the expectation and celebration of the Eucharist (what we refer to as Communion). We are to continue in this baptismal pattern – of dying to sin and living to Christ. We too are called to live into that pattern of repentance and faith – to become more and more like Christ in our journey as His disciples.

During this Easter season, may we learn better what it means to PRACTICE our faith by paying attention to our sins, turning from them, and then turning toward our Life and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

5 Robert E. Webber, Ancient Future Time

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## REFLECTIONS

"No one should think that such an approach to application is merely 'cerebral.' I often hear people say, 'That's just head knowledge. I want something I can sink my teeth into, something I can do! I need something I can tell the people Sunday morning!' That point is well taken, but sometimes the best way to make it happen is to take a step back from the hustle and bustle and remember, meditate on who God is and what he has done for us. The Bible itself gives numerous examples, particularly in the Psalms, of the importance of catching the vision and remembering who God is (Ps. 8; 9; 24; 105; 106). We should think of 'application' as including such reflection. Sometimes what the Bible does is change how we think about God, ourselves, and the world we live in. Only after our thinking is properly adjusted can we behave in ways that reflect that thinking."

- **Carl Robbins**

"Christ is himself holy and sacred ground, in whom the glory of God resides. With the spread of the gospel, God's glory can now be seen in new temples everywhere, that is, wherever men and women repent and come to know God, wherever people gather together to worship. God's sacred space is no longer restricted to a building in one part of the world. Nor is it embodied only in his Son, as it was for a brief time two thousand years ago. By the work of the Holy Spirit, God's sacred space has spread over all the earth. Indeed, the redemption of the earth was his plan all along. As it was once before, the earth is now again God's holy dwelling."

- **Peter Enns**

But, as we wait for him to come again, we wait with hope. And as we wait, we live in light of that hope – praying for and acting in the knowledge that God's Kingdom will come in bits and pieces even now, offering us glimpses of the way that it is supposed to be, the way it will ultimately be.

In the middle of these two advents of Christ, there is a third advent. There is the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, to help us to remember all that he taught and accomplished (John 14:26), and to help us as we follow him by faith. And Jesus tells us to follow him in the same way that he himself came. We are to leave our own comforts and to come into the places that he has called us. And so, in that way, we want to take the example of Christ's first coming to enter into the lives of our community. We want to bear witness to the coming of the Kingdom of God in its fullness in the future. And, we want to minister as the mouthpiece, the hands, and the feet of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit (John 20:21).

So, Advent Houston is a **coming** of a group of Christians to the Texas Medical Center, to Rice University, and to the surrounding neighborhoods to embrace, embody, and extend the grace of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.

We are so glad that you are here with us!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 147 (ESV)

**Leader:** Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!

**People:** **For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**ALL:** **Praise the LORD!**

## \*SONG

## King of Love

Words and music by Henry Williams Baker, Jonathan Smith, Stuart Garrard, Matthew Hein, Adam Palmer, and Stephanie Kulla

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The king of love my Shepherd is  
Whose goodness faileth never  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And He is mine forever  
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth

Never-failing, Ruler of my heart  
Everlasting Lover of my soul  
On the mountain high or in the valley low  
The King of love my Shepherd is  
The King of love my Shepherd is

Lost and foolish off I strayed  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil, I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still  
Thy cross before to guide me

Never-failing, Ruler of my heart  
Everlasting Lover of my soul  
On the mountain high or in the valley low  
The King of love my Shepherd is  
The King of love my Shepherd is

Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Never-failing Ruler of my heart  
Everlasting Lover of my soul  
On the mountain high or in the valley low  
The King of love my Shepherd is  
The King of love my Shepherd is

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise  
Within Your house forever  
Within Your house forever

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this 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. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup> By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING      2 Corinthians 3:12-18

<sup>12</sup> Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup> Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*SONG

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words by Thomas Obediah Chisholm and music by William Marion Runyan

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### Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

### Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Lord unto me

### Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

*Chorus*

### Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

*Chorus*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed 381AD

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

**ALL: We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

From Henry Smith, a 16<sup>th</sup> century English preacher

**ALL: O Lord, let not your law be a cursing to our consciences, but rather give us grace under this extreme and heavy burden of sin, to be fully persuaded, that you by your death have taken away all our sins, and fulfilled the law for us, and by this means have delivered us from the curse of the law and paid our ransom; and then we, being thus fully persuaded, may have quiet and settled hearts, and a free conscience, and glad desiring wills to forsake this wicked world. Amen.**



## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:10-12

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

## \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” words by Thomas Ken and music by Louis Bourgeois

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen

### ADVENTURERS

### CHILDREN (1<sup>ST</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES)

All children, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades, are invited to go to Adventurers, for a children’s lesson and activity time during the sermon. The Adventurers will be escorted back to the Chapel during the Passing of the Peace.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Edited Collect from *Book of Common Prayer*.

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve – pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through Jesus Christ our Lord,

*Leader Intercedes for the world, Church,  
and the needs of our congregation.*

Leader: We pray all of this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying ...

**People: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **SERMON READING**

**Exodus 35:1-9, 20-35**

<sup>1</sup> Moses assembled all the congregation of the people of Israel and said to them, "These are the things that the LORD has commanded you to do. <sup>2</sup>Six days work shall be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. <sup>3</sup>You shall kindle no fire in all your dwelling places on the Sabbath day."

<sup>4</sup> Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. <sup>5</sup>Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze; <sup>6</sup>blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; goats' hair, <sup>7</sup>tanned rams' skins, and goatskins; acacia wood, <sup>8</sup>oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, <sup>9</sup>and onyx stones and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

...

<sup>20</sup> Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. <sup>21</sup> And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. <sup>22</sup> So they came, both men and women. All who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to the LORD. <sup>23</sup> And every one who possessed blue or purple or scarlet yarns or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or goatskins brought them. <sup>24</sup> Everyone who could make a contribution of silver or bronze brought it as the LORD's contribution. And every one who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work brought it. <sup>25</sup> And every skillful woman spun with her hands, and they all brought what they had spun in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. <sup>26</sup> All the women whose hearts stirred them to use their skill spun the goats' hair. <sup>27</sup> And the leaders brought onyx stones and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breastpiece, <sup>28</sup> and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense. <sup>29</sup> All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that the LORD had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to the LORD.

<sup>30</sup> Then Moses said to the people of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; <sup>31</sup> and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, <sup>32</sup> to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, <sup>33</sup> in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. <sup>34</sup> And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan. <sup>35</sup> He has filled them with skill to do every sort of work done by an engraver or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, or by a weaver—by any sort of workman or skilled designer.

Leader: The Word of the LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Generous Hearts”

Rev. Curtis Shields



Do you have a question about today’s sermon? If so, click on the QR code for discussion at the next Question & Discussion time.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Leader:** May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you!**

### RETURN OF ADVENTURERS

During the Passing of the Peace, the teachers will bring the Adventurers back to the Chapel.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad to have you worship with us today. Please sign-in on the pad located near the center aisle and record your information there.

## OFFERTORY & PRIVATE PRAYER

All giving is a response to God’s generosity to you in all aspects of life, but particularly through the person and work of Jesus. If you are not sure what you think about Jesus or Christianity, or if you are a guest, we would invite you to refrain from giving at this time.

Online giving is available at [adventpres.org/give](http://adventpres.org/give). You can also scan this QR code or place a gift in the offering basket near the entrance of the chapel.



# SERVICE OF THE TABLE

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**ALL:** We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy. Nourish us, therefore, gracious Lord, so that in partaking of this sacrament of your son Jesus Christ, we may walk in newness of life, grow into his likeness, and evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: And now we give you thanks because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed and humanity is once again made whole.

And therefore, we join our voices with angels and archangels and the rest of your creation, forever praising you and singing.

ALL:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
Hea - ven and earth are full, full of your  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ALL: **Your death, O Christ, we proclaim.  
Your resurrection we affirm with joy.  
Your coming we await with hope.  
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus. Alleluia!**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and with your church in all the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Leader: These gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION AT ADVENT

Advent welcomes all baptized Christians to participate in the Lord's table. This includes all Christians, whether members at Advent or at another church. Children who have been baptized and admitted to the table by the elders of this church or the leadership of another church are also welcome to the table.

If you're still investigating Christianity, not sure what you believe, or simply choose not to participate, you may either remain in your seat or come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing. Feel free to use the prayers printed in the bulletin below. Non-communicating children are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing while their parents receive communion.

### ABOUT THE ELEMENTS

- We serve both wine and grape juice for communion.
- Grape juice is available in the center of the communion trays; wine is available along the edge.
- All communion bread is gluten free.



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### PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen. A prayer of belief: A prayer for those struggling against sin: A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:

### PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING AGAINST SIN

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT YET MADE A PROFESSION OF FAITH

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

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## COMMUNION SONG

## Ever Be

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### Verse 1

Your love is devoted  
Like a ring of solid gold  
Like a vow that is tested  
Like a covenant of old  
Your love is enduring  
Through the winter rain  
And beyond the horizon  
With mercy for today

### Pre-Chorus

Faithful You have been and faithful You will be  
You pledge Yourself to me and it's why I sing

### Chorus

Your praise will ever be on my lips  
Ever be on my lips  
Your praise will ever be on my lips  
Ever be on my lips  
*Repeat*

### Verse 2

You Father the orphan  
Your kindness makes us whole  
You shoulder our weakness  
And Your strength becomes our own  
You're making me like You  
Clothing me in white  
Bringing beauty from ashes  
For You will have Your bride

### Pre-Chorus

Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame  
And known by her true name and it's why I sing  
*Chorus*



**Bridge**

You will be praised You will be praised  
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord  
You will be praised You will be praised  
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord

*Repeat*

And it's why I sing

*Chorus*

**\*SONG****10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

Words and music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

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**Chorus**

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

**Verse 1**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Chorus*

**Verse 2**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Chorus*

**Verse 3**

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Chorus*

**Ending**

Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

## \*CLOSING PRAYER

## \*BENEDICTION

Number 6:24-26

Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

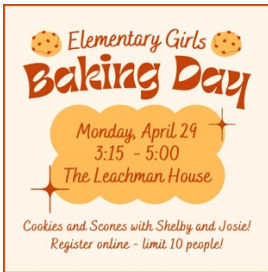
## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR - *Job Opportunity*

Do you or someone you know have a heart for Children's Ministry? Want to make a life-long difference in a child's life? Join Team Advent! Enjoy flexible work schedule while creating & promoting program and relational pathways for children's discipleship. Applicant need not be an Advent Member or even regular attender to apply.

Job Description at [adventpres.org/jobopportunities](http://adventpres.org/jobopportunities)  
Submit resume to [Admin@AdventPres.org](mailto:Admin@AdventPres.org)



### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GIRLS BAKING DAY

*Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 3:15-5 P.M. at the Leachman's*

Calling all Elementary School girls ... it's time to get together, have some fun, and make some cookies and scones with Shelby and Josie!

Location: Leachman's | 4517 Evergreen Street  
Reserve your spot at [AdventPres.org/Events](http://AdventPres.org/Events).



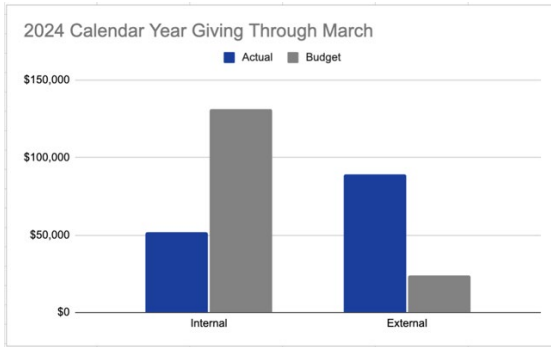
### QUESTION & DISCUSSION

*TODAY, 12:15 – 1:15 P.M.*

Got questions? Let's discuss Glacial Indifference. Scan the QR code to submit your question. Join us after the worship service for the discussion. A light lunch will be available.

Location: Weekley Family YMCA Multi-purpose Room

# 2024 CALENDAR YEAR GIVING



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