

ISAIAH

**UNTO US A
CHILD IS BORN**

ISAIAH 9:2-7



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, December 5, 2021

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CELEBRATING THE SEASON - 2021

The earth holds its breath, waiting. Advent is a season of longing. It is a yearly representation in our church calendar of the eons spanning from the moment Eve took the first bite of the fruit until that starry night when Heaven touched earth and Christ incarnated, becoming God-man. Fully human. Fully God. Advent culminates in the arrival of Jesus—Messiah, Born in the flesh to the last people on earth who anyone would have chosen to parent a king!

SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

No Longer Slaves

EXPLANATION OF ADVENT THEME

CALL TO WORSHIP | John 1:1-5 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | John 1:11-14 (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 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.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of His church and the kingdom of God.

What Child Is This

PRAISE & CELEBRATION

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

A Baby Will Come

Worthy Of Your Name

CONFESSION OF FAITH

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

From the New City Catechism:

Q. 50. What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

A. Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Grade)

Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Tim Rice, Lead Pastor & Director of Church Planting

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Living Hope

BENEDICTION

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
both now and forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Isaiah 9:2-7 (ESV)

Title: Isaiah: Unto Us A Child Is Born

Teacher: Tim Rice

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Intro: How confident are you right now about the future?

WE WALK IN DARKNESS

Why are we unworthy to rule the world?

A GREAT LIGHT SHINING

Why is He alone worthy to rule the world?

AMAZING CONSEQUENCES

So, what happens when we trust Him to rule the world?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His all-powerful rule, especially that He IS Light, and that He shines in the darkness. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His mercy to not crush us, but rather save us.
2. How can you see the effects of darkness in your life from seeking to rule your own life rather than trusting God's sovereign rule? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and heal you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to humble Himself in true weakness to atone for our rebellion. Thank Him for being born, and given to even us, to remove our guilt (by His death) and heal our brokenness (by His resurrection).
4. Who do you know that does not understand humility? Pray for them, asking the Lord to give them insight into Jesus' coming as the Most High becoming the most low, taking on human form.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in your life His fruit of joy and generosity, especially toward those in your life who are broken. Pray that He would help you move toward them as He has moved toward you.

