

ISAIAH

**THE VIRGIN
WILL GIVE BIRTH**

Isaiah 7:2-4, 9b-14



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, November 28, 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.

Angels We Have Heard On High

EXPLANATION OF ADVENT THEME

CALL TO WORSHIP | Matthew 1:18-23 (ESV)

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

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel."

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 | 2 Corinthians 5:5-7a (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 who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage ... for we walk by faith, not by sight.

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.

Build My Life

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.

Abide

The Blessing

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. 49. *Where is Christ now?*

A. Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

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.

God With Us

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 7:2-4, 9b-14 (ESV)

Title: Isaiah: The Virgin Shall Give Birth

Teacher: Tim Rice

² When the house of David was told, "Syria is in league with Ephraim," the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind. ³ And the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Washer's Field. ⁴ And say to him, 'Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah. ... ^{9b} If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all.'" ¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³ And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Intro: Why does Jesus born of a virgin get you a security you can't lose?

FIRM FOUNDATION

Why is the LORD trustworthy, even in threatening times?

WALKING BY SIGHT AND NOT BY FAITH

What is tragic and foolish about unbelief?

AN UNLIKELY SIGN

How is the virgin birth an unlikely sign for an unlikely deliverance?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship God for His wisdom and faithfulness. Praise and adore Him for His amazing ways (that are not our ways) and thoughts (which are not our thoughts), especially to love us through our folly and faithlessness.
2. How have you lived in unbelief (like Ahaz) trusting people, resources, or your own cleverness instead of trusting in the LORD? Confess your pride and fear to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and heal your heart.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for his willingness to trust His Father, and give up His throne in heaven; that He actually did perish and die, *but what we seek (real security) only Jesus gained – a security that believers now can never lose.*
4. Who do you know that is afraid to trust God? Pray for them asking God to show them mercy and persuade them of His trustworthiness.
5. Ask for growth in wisdom and insight into God's ways, especially His steady pattern of working through lowliness, weakness, sorrow, and even death. Pray for wisdom and ask God to deepen your confidence in Him!

