



CITIZENS CHURCH

ADVENT: Savior | Sunday, November 30, 2025

Each week in our Sunday gatherings, we will read a liturgy and light a candle to guide us through this Advent season as we prepare for Immanuel's arrival; the coming of Christ. Lighting the candles shows the contrast between dark and the increasing light that bursts forth at Christmas.

This week, we lit the first candle, which represents **HOPE**. Our hope rests in the God who keeps every promise and fulfills every prophecy spoken about Jesus. "Hope does not put us to shame"(Rom 5:5) so we wait in expectant hope for Christ to come again.

Read God's Word Aloud

LUKE 2:10-11

10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Discuss God's Word and God's World

Important: *The goal is never to "get through" every question like a checklist. It's ok to linger on a few questions if they spark sanctifying discussion or opportunities for intercessory prayer.*

- When you hear the word "Savior", what first comes to mind?
- As you experience Christmas, do you think of it as a celebration of salvation? Why or why not?

In Luke chapter 1, both Mary and Zechariah responded to the angel's announcement with words about salvation: Mary sang a salvation song (vs 46-56), and Zechariah spoke a salvation prophecy (vs 67-79).

- When you think about what Jesus came to do, what words come to your mind and heart?



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- How might Jesus' name, Savior, shape your Advent devotions and Christmas celebration?
 - Who is one person in your family, friendships, or workplace who needs to know Jesus as Savior this Christmas? What opportunities might there be to introduce them to him?
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Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Take a moment to praise Jesus the Savior together. Thank him for his gift of salvation.

Father, thank you for sending us your Son. Jesus, thank you for being our Savior. Holy Spirit, thank you for leading us to Jesus again and again. You, God, are a gift. Help us to celebrate and share your saving grace this Christmas season.

Pray individually for the family member, friend, co-worker, or acquaintance who needs the salvation God offers. Ask God for a simple opportunity this month to talk with them about Jesus.

Family Memory Verse of the Month for November

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 (ESV)