

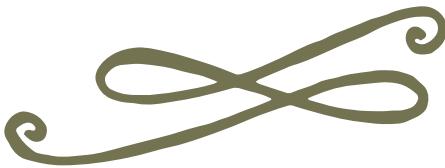


HOPE

PEACE

LOVE

JOY



ADVENT GUIDE - DECEMBER 2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS, CRESTVIEW!

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. Not because of the lattes, gifts, and parties. Not because of our family get togethers, the beautiful decorations, and snow days (or lack thereof in KS). But because we have an extended season to spend time celebrating God Himself taking on our flesh for us and for our salvation. Our desire is that our affections are unified together as one church around the coming of our Savior. To that end, we made this resource for you and your family.

The advent guide is designed around the four themes of the advent of Jesus: hope, peace, love, joy. On the four Sundays before Christmas Day, our gatherings will be centered on each of these themes. Then throughout the week, we will continue meditating on and living out the implications of Christ's advent. This comes through taking these themes to our heads, our hearts, and our hands. So each week will have a Bible reading to read, consider, and wrap our minds around (head). Throughout the week we will engage our hearts through singing or listening to the hymns that correspond to that particular theme. Finally, all this head and heart work sinks down to our hands and causes us to go out and love others in tangible ways with this same incarnational moves of our Lord.

You can use this guide and customize it to fit your families unique needs and situation. If you are single, empty-nested, or a home full of children, this is for you. If you have done this every year or have never done anything this before, this is for you. You can do it all in one day on a Sunday or spread it across the week. You can do this a small group activity or with your extended family over the holiday weekend. There is no right way or wrong way of using this tool. Our goal is that this causes you to gaze at the wonder and beauty of Jesus during this season.

HOPE



ISAIAH 9:2,6-7

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.
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon[d] his shoulder,
and his name shall be called[e]
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
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.



O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL



PRAY with a neighbor or hurting friend.

WEEK ONE

NOV. 28-DEC 4

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O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

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VENI VENI EMMANUEL

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - - u - el, And
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
 6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
 2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
 4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
 5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
 6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
 7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
 3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
 4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
 5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
 6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
 7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - - u -
 2. ways to go.
 3. ty and awe.
 4. o'er the grave.
 5. mis - er - y.
 6. put to flight.
 7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain 'O Antiphon'; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: Chant, Mode I; Processionale, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890.

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PEACE



JOHN 14:25-31

These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. 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. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.



SILENT NIGHT



Bake cookies, write a card, or give a small gift to a neighbor in need.

WEEK TWO

DEC 5 - 11

Silent Night! Holy Night!

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1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight! Glo - ries
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light, ra - diant
4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! won - drous star, lend thy light; with the

vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - - ias to our King;

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

Joseph Mohr, 1818
Tr. ca. 1850

STILLE NACHT Irreg.
Franz Gruber, 1818

LOVE



MATTHEW 1:18-25

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” (which
means, God with us).

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING!



Go out to dinner with an unchurched friend. Take them to tour Third Thursday or the Luminaries.

WEEK THREE

DEC 12 - 18

CHRIST'S LIFE

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

F C Am B♭ F/C C F

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er-last - ing Lord!
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Dm7 G7 C Fmaj7 G7 C

peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be-hold him come, off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

F F/C C F F/C C

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the.in-car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild, he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

B♭ D Gm C7 F C F

with the an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim,"Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain B♭

D Gm C7 F C7 F

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt., P.D.
 Music (MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7. D refrain 7.7): Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; adapt. William H. Cummings, 1856, P.D.

JOY



LUKE 2:8-20

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



JOY TO THE WORLD



Go caroling in your neighborhood or nursing home. Invite neighborhood kids to your home and make gingerbread houses together.

WEEK FOUR

DEC 19 - 25

THE ADVENT OF CHRIST

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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

and

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 heav'n and na - ture sing.