



Advent | Songs for the Season

Week 1: Born to Deliver

Theme Verse: Isaiah 40:1-5

Traditional Song: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Advent Candle: Hope

When all life seems hopeless, mass shootings and hate are on the rise, a voice cries out from the wilderness! As we begin our journey to Christmas, we remember the hope that never ends and that we have a Savior who prepares a way for each and every one of us.

Week 2: The Path of Peace

Theme Verse: Isaiah 2:2-5

Traditional Song: *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

Advent Candle: Peace

As we walk towards Christmas, part of our journey is to walk in the path of the Lord. In a world that so quickly jumps to vengeance and retribution, this season we will learn to walk in the path of peace.

Week 3: Rejoice! Rejoice!

Theme Verse: Isaiah 35

Traditional Song Base: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Advent Candle: Joy

On the verge of the collapse of Israel, the prophet cries out with words of joy. One day, we will all be free, Jesus comes to free the captive, provide healing for the broken and sorrow and sighing will fall away and we will sit in the presence of our God. To prepare for Christmas means to work with Jesus for the freedom of all people.

Week 4: Lift Up Your Heads

Theme Verse: Psalm 24

Traditional Song Base: *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*

Advent Candle: Love

As we prepare for the birth of a baby, we remember that it leads to Christ on the cross. The psalms teach us that we can walk from feelings of desperation, "My God, My God why have you forsaken me." To the knowledge of a presence even in the valley of the shadow of death and ultimately to the praising and rejoining of the love of the King of Glory.





Week 5: Light of The World

Theme Verse: Luke 2:1-20

Traditional Song Base: *Jesus the Light of the World* (from W&S)

This is it! The night is finally upon us and our four weeks of preparation leads to the birth of Jesus. Just as Jesus is the Light of the World, we are to be that light sent into the world.