

Bread

2025

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Why

**In Portland as It
Is in Heaven**

How

**Practicing the Way
of Jesus, Together,
in Portland**

What

**Be With Jesus,
Become Like Jesus,
Do What Jesus Did**

Introduction

Scripture Is Essential to the Way of Jesus

What we think about will shape what we believe, who we become, and ultimately, how we live. This is why the Apostle Paul tells us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds—a process that will lead to a transformed life. For Jesus, meditating on the Scriptures went beyond self-development or intellect to a more personal and compelling reality. The Bible has the power to translate the world around us and tell a truer, better story that exposes lies and reveals the coming hope of life as it should be. It is a book (or, more accurately, a library) unlike any other, in that as we read it, we are read by it.

The Scriptures played an essential role in Jesus' life and ministry; he lived as if they were authoritative. The Scriptures were not as much a tool, instrument, or weapon for him, as they were part of how he viewed and interacted with both God and the world. The integration of Scripture in Jesus' life was paramount to his ability to see the transforming promise of the coming Kingdom of God. In fact, Jesus is the singular person in all of biblical history to claim that the Scriptures were not only forming him, they were about him. The story of the Bible culminates in the person of Jesus.

Our aim, as **Bridgetown Church**, is to be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did. The only way to get the life of Jesus is to take on the lifestyle of Jesus. Through the daily reading of the Scriptures, his reality becomes our reality. Following in the footsteps of our Rabbi, we want to read the Scriptures every day so that they might come alive in us and that we might see the world, know the Father's love, and serve our neighbor the way Jesus did.

How To Use This Book

Daily Bible Reading Plan

In these pages, you will find a daily Bible reading plan organized thematically around the church calendar—an annual cycle of seasons and days observed by the global, historic church crafted to remember Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. This book will help you pray, meditate, and journal through the Scriptures using a rhythm called BREAD, which is a modern take on *lectio divina*, an ancient and time-tested method of meeting with God in the pages of the Bible. Simply spend time each day allowing the prompts below to guide your time.

BE STILL: Start by putting away your devices or any distractions and get into a comfortable but alert position. Take a moment to let the noise of your mind settle. Become present to your breath, and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time.

READ: When you’re ready, read through the Scripture for that day. After a minute or two, read the passage again slowly. As you read, notice what stands out to you in the passage and write it down.

ENCOUNTER: Meditate on what God highlighted to you in the passage by journaling through questions like: Where does this intersect with my current life and circumstances? What might God want me to know about himself, myself, or others? Is God revealing a lie or truth he wants me to notice and respond to? What else might God be saying to me?

APPLY: Next, begin to name and write down how God might want you to carry what he’s saying into your day. What truth do you need to hold onto today? How might God want to change you through this passage? Write down how you are going to apply this truth practically today.

DEVOTE: Finally, write a prayer, committing yourself to what God has been revealing to you and how you want to be transformed by him and his truth.

How To Use This Book as a Family

Weekly Bible Reading Plan

At Bridgetown Church, our goal is that every person—adult and child—would increasingly grow to be with Jesus, to become like Jesus, and to do what Jesus did. But we also know that these things don't just happen overnight; they take time, intention, and repetition. So, with this in mind, we have designed a supplemental resource with Bread that families with young children can utilize to engage the practice of Scripture together.

On our website, you will find a script to guide your time as you read the weekly Psalm out loud together during your family's Sabbath practice or at another set time during each week. On that page you will also find a printable worksheet with space for kids to write or draw their response to each week's Psalm.

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One

Be Still

Two

Read

Three

Encounter

Four

Apply

Five

Devote

BE STILL

READ

(THE SUN) RISES AT ONE END OF THE HEAVENS AND MAKES ITS CIRCUIT TO THE OTHER, NOTHING IS DEPRIVED OF ITS WARMTH.

ENCOUNTER

THE GLORY OF GOD IS REVEALED IN THE SUN, OUR SOURCE OF LIGHT. BUT JESUS SAID, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD." IN HIM, THE PEOPLE WALKING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT. THIS IS A PROMISE THAT NO ONE NEED BE DEPRIVED OF HIS WARMTH. SO STEP OUT OF THE SHADOWS, INTO THE LIGHT, AND BE DRENCHED IN BOTH THE WARMTH AND COLOR OF HIS LOVE.

APPLY

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO STEP OUTSIDE OF THE SHADOWS? IT MEANS TO COME TOWARDS JESUS, THE LIGHT, AND ENJOY HIS WARMTH. ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF HIS CREATION. WALK IN GREEN SPACES. KICK SOME LEAVES. AND PAUSE EVERY SO OFTEN TO SPIRITUALLY TURN YOUR GAZE HEAVENWARDS TO THANK GOD FOR HIS BEAUTY, AND CONNECT TO THE LOVE THAT GAVE BIRTH TO SUCH BEAUTY. ALLOW THAT LOVE TO PERMEATE YOUR INNER BEING.

DEVOTE

FATHER, I DEVOTE THIS DAY TO YOU. INVADGE MY HEART WITH THE WARMTH OF YOUR SON. AMEN.

The Kingdom of God Is Among Us

01.01–01.04

Wed: Luke 17v20–21
Thurs: Matthew 5v1–12
Fri: Hebrews 12v18–29
Sat: Mark 12v41–44

Epiphany & the Season After

The Coming Christ

01.05–01.11

Sun: Psalm 132
Mon: Matthew 2v1–12
Tues: Rev. 1v1–8
Wed: Luke 21v25–36
Thurs: Acts 1v1–11
Fri: Mark 13v1–13, 24–37
Sat: Ezekiel 34v1–10

God Is with Us

01.12–01.18

Sun: Psalm 46
Mon: Isaiah 9v1–7
Tues: Matthew 1v18–25
Wed: Ezekiel 34v11–16
Thurs: Isaiah 40v1–11, 28–31
Fri: Philippians 4v4–9
Sat: Isaiah 7v10–17

Listening & Obeying

01.19–01.25

Sun: Psalm 119v97–112
Mon: John 14v15–24
Tues: Romans 6v15–23
Wed: James 1v19–27
Thurs: James 4v1–10
Fri: Mark 9v1–8
Sat: Philippians 2v12–18

All Things New

01.26–02.01

Sun: Psalm 126
Mon: John 3v1–8
Tues: Matthew 3v13–17
Wed: Ephesians 4v17–32
Thurs: 2 Cor. 5v16–21
Fri: Isaiah 43v1–13
Sat: Rev. 21v1–7

What God Has Promised

02.02–02.08

Sun: Psalm 104
Mon: John 2v1–12
Tues: 2 Peter 3v5–13
Wed: 2 Cor. 1v12–22
Thurs: James 1v1–15
Fri: 1 Kings 8v22–30
Sat: Romans 4v16–25

Protected by God

02.09–02.15

Sun: Psalm 91
Mon: Jeremiah 31v27–34
Tues: Rev. 22v1–5, 17
Wed: Luke 12v22–34
Thurs: John 10v1–18
Fri: Luke 15v1–10
Sat: Psalm 121

From Fear to Courage

02.16–02.22

Sun: Psalm 56
Mon: Matthew 10v26–31
Tues: Genesis 15v1–6
Wed: John 20v19–23
Thurs: Luke 5v1–11
Fri: Deut. 31v7–8
Sat: Philippians 1v12–14

Making Room to Listen

02.23–03.01

Sun: Psalm 8
Mon: Matthew 6v16–18
Tues: Isaiah 58v6–9
Wed: Acts 13v1–3
Thurs: Acts 14v21–23
Fri: Ezra 8v21–23
Sat: Luke 2v36–38

Lent, Easter & Pentecost

The Good Shepherd

03.02–03.08

Sun: Psalm 23
Mon: Ezekiel 34v11–16
Tues: 1 Timothy 3v1–13
Wed: Joel 2v12–13
Thurs: Jeremiah 23
Fri: 2 Cor. 4
Sat: Micah 5v4

Suffering

03.09–03.15

Sun: Psalm 102
Mon: Job 3v1–10
Tues: Genesis 3v1–13
Wed: 1 Peter 5v1–11
Thurs: Mark 15v1–37
Fri: 2 Samuel 22v1–20
Sat: Isaiah 58v1–12

Loneliness

03.16–03.22

Sun: Psalm 88
Mon: Genesis 18v22–33
Tues: Romans 11v1–6
Wed: Acts 2v22–36
Thurs: 1 Kings 19v1–18
Fri: Psalm 27v7–14
Sat: Mark 14v32–50

Sin & Brokenness

03.23–03.29

Sun: Psalm 51
Mon: Mark 7v20–23
Tues: Romans 3v9–20
Wed: 1 John 1v7–10
Thurs: Proverbs 28v13
Fri: Romans 6v1–14
Sat: Psalm 19v13–14

Times of Difficulty

03.30–04.05

Sun: Psalm 37
Mon: 1 Peter 1v12–19
Tues: Exodus 17v1–7
Wed: Daniel 1
Thurs: Esther 8
Fri: Mark 13v3–13
Sat: Psalm 18

Perseverance

04.06–04.12

Sun: Psalm 143
Mon: Philippians 3v1–12
Tues: 2 Cor. 6v1–10
Wed: Ezekiel 36v22–36
Thurs: Proverbs 7v1–3
Fri: Acts 5v12–42
Sat: Luke 21v5–19

Journey to the Cross

04.13–04.19

Sun: Mark 11v1–11
Mon: Matthew 21v12–17
Tues: Mark 11v12–25
Wed: John 12v1–11
Thurs: John 13v1–3
Fri: Matthew 27v32–56
Sat: Luke 23v55–56

Resurrected Life

04.20–04.26

Sun: John 20v1–29
Mon: Psalm 148
Tues: 1 Cor. 15v1–11
Wed: 1 Cor. 15v12–19
Thurs: 1 Cor. 15v20–34
Fri: 1 Cor. 15v35–49
Sat: 1 Cor. 15v50–58

A Resurrection People

04.27–05.03

Sun: Psalm 18
Mon: Romans 6v1–11
Tues: John 11v1–16
Wed: John 11v17–27
Thurs: John 11v28–37
Fri: John 11v38–44
Sat: Acts 17v22–23

Power of the Gospel

05.04–05.10

Sun: Psalm 25
Mon: 1 Cor. 1v18–31
Tues: 2 Cor. 12v1–10
Wed: Colossians 1v9–23
Thurs: Ephesians 1v1–14
Fri: 1 Peter 1v1–9
Sat: Romans 1v1–17

Jesus Is the Way

05.11–05.17

Sun: Psalm 89
Mon: John 12v20–36
Tues: Luke 5v27–39
Wed: Matthew 8v18–27
Thurs: Matthew 11v1–15
Fri: Hebrews 10v19–25
Sat: John 14v1–14

The Now & Not Yet

05.18–05.24

Sun: Psalm 93
Mon: John 15v1–11
Tues: 2 Cor. 4
Wed: 2 Cor. 5v1–10
Thurs: Acts 11v19–26
Fri: 1 John 3v11–24
Sat: John 10v1–18

From Death to Life

05.25–05.31

Sun: Psalm 116
Mon: Romans 8v31–39
Tues: Matthew 11v2–19
Wed: 1 Cor. 15v1–28
Thurs: Colossians 3v1–17
Fri: Isaiah 25v1–9
Sat: Romans 1v1–7, 16–17

God Transforms Us

06.01–06.07

Sun: Psalm 65
Mon: Colossians 3v1–17
Tues: Ezekiel 36v22–32
Wed: Luke 19v1–10
Thurs: John 9
Fri: Acts 26v2–29
Sat: Ephesians 5v1–20

Ordinary Time

Filled with the Spirit

06.08–06.14

Sun: Acts 2
Mon: Mark 5v25–34
Tues: Matthew 14v13–21
Wed: Mark 5v21–24, 35–43
Thurs: Luke 8v22–25
Fri: Mark 5v1–20
Sat: Mark 2v1–12

I Am Yours

06.15–06.21

Sun: Psalm 16
Mon: 1 Samuel 3v1–14
Tues: 1 Samuel 3v15–21
Wed: Luke 1v38
Thurs: Acts 10v34–43
Fri: Psalm 10v12–18
Sat: Matthew 9v9–13

Colossians

06.22–06.28

Sun: Psalm 146
Mon: Colossians 1v1–14
Tues: Colossians 1v14–29
Wed: Colossians 2v1–15
Thurs: Colossians 2v16–23
Fri: Colossians 3
Sat: Colossians 4

Practicing the Presence of God

06.29–07.05

Sun: Psalm 19
Mon: Joel 2v18–27
Tues: Isaiah 63v7–14
Wed: Exodus 33v7–23
Thurs: Rev. 21v1–7
Fri: Matthew 1v18–25
Sat: Luke 24v13–35

Life Together

07.06–07.12

Sun: Psalm 133
Mon: Colossians 3v5–17
Tues: Ephesians 4v1–16
Wed: Philemon
Thurs: 1 Cor. 6v1–10
Fri: 1 Cor. 3v5–23
Sat: Romans 12v1–21

Ruth

07.13–07.19

Sun: Psalm 19
Mon: Ruth 1
Tues: Ruth 2v1–16
Wed: Ruth 2v17–23
Thurs: Ruth 3
Fri: Ruth 4v1–12
Sat: Ruth 4v13–22

Life in Christ

07.20–07.26

Sun: Psalm 130
Mon: John 17v1–5
Tues: Romans 6v1–11
Wed: Ephesians 2v1–10
Thurs: Galatians 2v11–21
Fri: Romans 6v15–23
Sat: Romans 8v18–30

Questions of Jesus

07.27–08.02

Sun: Psalm 22
Mon: Matthew 16v13–20
Tues: Mark 10v46–52
Wed: Matthew 12v46–50
Thurs: Mark 8v14–21
Fri: Luke 6v46–49
Sat: John 21v15–17

The Sermon on the Mount

08.03–08.09

Sun: Psalm 119v1–16
Mon: Matthew 5v1–26
Tues: Matthew 5v27–48
Wed: Matthew 6v1–18
Thurs: Matthew 6v19–34
Fri: Matthew 7v1–14
Sat: Matthew 7v15–29

Freedom in Christ

08.10–08.16

Sun: Psalm 62
Mon: Galatians 5v1–15
Tues: Psalm 32
Wed: John 10v1–18
Thurs: 1 Peter 2v9–25
Fri: Daniel 3v8–18
Sat: 1 Cor. 10v14–33

True Humility

08.17–08.23

Sun: Psalm 131
Mon: Philippians 2v1–18
Tues: 1 Peter 3v8–12
Wed: Zephaniah 3
Thurs: Romans 13v1–10
Fri: 2 Chronicles 7v11–22
Sat: Isaiah 57v14–21

Forgiveness

08.24–08.30

Sun: Psalm 32
Mon: 2 Cor. 3v2–3
Tues: Luke 6v27–36
Wed: Luke 6v37–42
Thurs: Luke 17v1–6
Fri: 1 John 2v1–17
Sat: Acts 10v34–43

Reconciliation

08.31–09.06

Sun: Psalm 41
Mon: John 18v15–18, 25–27, 21v15–19
Tues: Hosea 2v14–23
Wed: Leviticus 25v8–22
Thurs: Psalm 94
Fri: 2 Cor. 5v11–21
Sat: Galatians 6v1–10

The Cost of Servanthood

09.07–09.13

Sun: Psalm 34
Mon: John 21v15–23
Tues: Isaiah 53v4–6
Wed: 2 Cor. 4v7–18
Thurs: Acts 7v54–60
Fri: Luke 14v25–33
Sat: 2 Cor. 13v5–10

Pray for One Another

09.14–09.20

Sun: Psalm 12
Mon: Colossians 1v3–14
Tues: Nehemiah 1v1–11
Wed: Luke 11v5–13
Thurs: James 5v13–20
Fri: Luke 22v31–34
Sat: Matthew 5v43–48, 6v5–15

Fear Not

09.21–09.27

Sun: Psalm 27
Mon: Hebrews 13v1–6
Tues: Psalm 56
Wed: Matthew 14v22–33
Thurs: 2 Kings 6v8–23
Fri: Isaiah 12v1–6
Sat: 1 John 4v13–21

Come & Rest

09.28–10.04

Sun: Psalm 71
Mon: Matthew 11v25–30
Tues: Isaiah 40v27–31
Wed: Psalm 116v1–7
Thurs: Hebrews 4v1–11
Fri: Jeremiah 6v1–16
Sat: Mark 6v30–42

Choose Life

10.05–10.11

Sun: Psalm 36
Mon: Romans 6v12–14
Tues: Proverbs 8v32–36
Wed: Matthew 10v34–39
Thurs: Deut. 30v15–20
Fri: John 3v31–36
Sat: John 6v35–40

Justice

10.12–10.18

Sun: Psalm 72
Mon: Ezekiel 34v1–16
Tues: Exodus 6v1–13
Wed: Luke 11v37–44
Thurs: Psalm 89v1–14
Fri: James 3v13–18
Sat: Ephesians 4v17–24

Compassion

10.19–10.25

Sun: Psalm 103
Mon: Ephesians 4v25–5v2
Tues: Genesis 9v8–17
Wed: John 4v7–26
Thurs: Exodus 2v1–10
Fri: 1 Peter 1v3–12
Sat: Matthew 20v29–34

Set Apart by God

10.26–11.01

Sun: Psalm 92
Mon: Genesis 9v8–17
Tues: Isaiah 63v7–9
Wed: Romans 5v1–11
Thurs: 1 Peter 2v1–10
Fri: Isaiah 45v1–8
Sat: Joel 2v18–27

Wisdom

11.02–11.08

Sun: Psalm 127
Mon: Proverbs 2v1–15, 20–22
Tues: 2 Chronicles 1v7–13
Wed: 1 Cor. 2v6–16
Thurs: Job 28v12–28
Fri: James 1v19–27
Sat: Matthew 18v1–5

Gentleness

11.09–11.15

Sun: Psalm 119v73–80
Mon: Isaiah 11v1–9
Tues: John 1v29–39
Wed: Deut 32v1–14
Thurs: Rev. 5
Fri: Acts 8v26–40
Sat: 1 Peter 1v17–25

Living Water

11.16–11.22

Sun: Psalm 63
Mon: Exodus 17v1–7
Tues: John 4v7–15
Wed: John 7v37–39
Thurs: Isaiah 12v1–6
Fri: Isaiah 42v1–9
Sat: Rev. 7v13–17

A New Beginning

11.23–11.29

Sun: Psalm 40
Mon: Jeremiah 31v31–34
Tues: Isaiah 43v14–21
Wed: 2 Cor. 5v16–21
Thurs: Rev. 21v1–5
Fri: 2 Cor. 3v1–6
Sat: John 13v31–35

Advent & Christmas

Hope

11.30–12.06

Sun: Psalm 33
Mon: Hebrews 6v13–20
Tues: Romans 8v18–25
Wed: 1 Peter 1v3–7
Thurs: Luke 2v22–38
Fri: Isaiah 40v28–31
Sat: Romans 15v13

Peace

12.07–12.13

Sun: Psalm 4

Mon: Numbers 6v22–27

Tues: Romans 12v17–21

Wed: Isaiah 26v1–4

Thurs: Colossians 3v15–17

Fri: Philippians 4v4–7

Sat: John 14v25–27

Joy

12.14–12.20

Sun: Psalm 96

Mon: John 16v22–24

Tues: Psalm 5v11–12

Wed: Zephaniah 3v14–17

Thurs: Luke 15v8–10

Fri: Romans 12v12–15

Sat: Psalm 16v9–11

Love

12.21–12.27

Sun: Psalm 136

Mon: 1 John 4v7–21

Tues: 1 Corinthians 13

Wed: Matthew 1v18–25

Thurs: Luke 2v1–21

Fri: Colossians 3v12–14

Sat: John 13v34–35

The Kingdom of God Is Among Us

12.28–12.31

Sun: Psalm 24

Mon: Deut. 30v11–14

Tues: Psalm 145

Wed: Luke 17v20–21

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Epiphany & The Season After

January 6–March 4

January 6 marks the first day of the season of Epiphany — a season dedicated to proclaiming God’s presence in the world. Epiphany comes from a Latin word that refers to making seen something that was hidden. This season marks three revelations, or revealings, in church history: the gospel to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi’s journey to Jesus), Jesus as the Son of God at his baptism, and Jesus’ power at the wedding at Cana.

Interestingly, the season of Epiphany relates to the portion of Jesus’ life about which least is known: the time between the Magi’s visit and Jesus’ baptism. But what we do know is that “Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2v52), and that the story of the Magi highlights God’s heart to bring all nations and peoples to himself, which is a beautiful narrative of inclusion that we are living out today.

Epiphany serves as an annual reminder of the revelations of God: he is good, and he is with us. We can participate in Epiphany by doing what Jesus did: studying the scripture and committing to grow in wisdom. As we move through the year and live into our identity as God’s image bearers, “we are transformed into walking epiphanies, mini-manifestations of God shining forth in the dark world” (Danielle Hitchen, *Sacred Seasons*).

Epiphany

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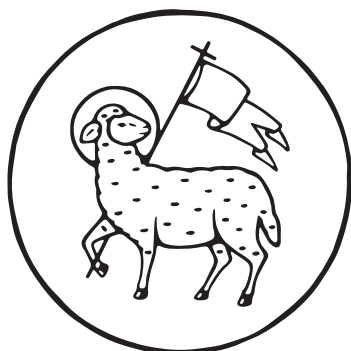
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Lent, Easter, & Pentecost

March 5–June 8

Lent is traditionally marked as the 40 days preceding Easter, corresponding with the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, we as followers of Jesus often partake in our own 40 day practice of fasting from food or abstaining from a particular habit. While the length of time itself is actually 46 days, Sundays are omitted and considered “feast days” in which we break our fast and participate in a foretaste of the coming resurrection.

The season of Lent, in its many deaths to self, prepares our hearts for resurrection. As C.S. Lewis puts it in *Mere Christianity*, “Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead.”

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, in which we walk with Christ over the seven days before one of the most significant events on the church calendar, Easter. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection and the defeat of death itself! Easter begins a 50 day season of Eastertide, in which we mark Jesus’ resurrection and new life all season long with feasting, joy, and celebration of the freedom we have in Christ.

50 days after Easter, we mark the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We recall and embody the moment the Holy Spirit fell on the disciples hiding and waiting in the upper room—the same Holy Spirit who fills us now.

Throughout this season, we will encounter and explore themes of the results of living in a fallen world (Lent), Jesus’ journey to the cross (Holy Week), Resurrection (Easter), and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost).

Ash Wednesday

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Ordinary Time

June 9–November 29

Ordinary Time is the longest season of the church calendar, stretching from Pentecost to the beginning of Advent.

Epiphany, Lent, Pentecost, and even Advent invite us to reflect on and anticipate major shifts: resurrection, the birth of the Messiah, and light breaking through darkness.

Ordinary Time asks us: What do we do after we receive this gift of new life? We live faithfully. We practice resurrection in our regular, every day, “ordinary” life.

We must remember, however, that something being ordinary does not stop it from being sacred. Every part of creation—big and small—is being redeemed and restored to God.

Each moment in our lives is an opportunity to live out the story of redemption, from the casual hidden act to the grandest or most public moments of our lives. In Ordinary Time, we live out and lean into our own ongoing conversion to be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did.

Historically, Ordinary Time has been an opportunity to reflect on the humanity of Jesus, and many of the themes we will encounter and explore in the coming months will focus on his life, ministry, teachings, and the various ways in which we, the church, are invited to carry on his ministry on earth.

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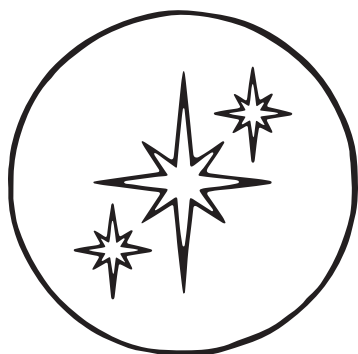
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Advent & Christmas

November 30–January 5

For 400 years before the birth of Christ, God was silent. We enter Advent together in a posture of waiting: for hope, for light, for God himself.

And in the darkness, the Word himself broke the silence. The season of Advent is one in which we enter into mystery and wonder, living in the reality of what is and in anticipation of Jesus. Together we enter into the story of God and his people, living in the reality of how very long they waited for the Messiah, and the reality that we, too, are awaiting his return.

One of the ways we can lean into Advent is acknowledging the areas of our life where we are in need of a Savior.

The anticipatory posture in Advent gives way to a beautiful celebration on Christmas Day! Together, we get to celebrate the birth of our Savior—Immanuel, God With Us. And together, we get to stand firm in awaiting our Savior's return. God broke into human history, becoming as fragile as can be—an infant refugee. He joined us down in the dirt of human life, and overcame the world.

Our readings for the first four weeks will explore classic themes of Advent: hope, peace, joy, and love. As we turn to Christmas (traditionally a 12 day celebration leading up to Epiphany!), we'll reflect on and celebrate the reality of God coming near with his good, beautiful, and perfect Kingdom.

SUN, NOV 30

HOPE

PSALM 33

First Sunday of Advent

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JOY

PSALM 96

Third Sunday of Advent

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