



Advent 2025



The Miracles of Christmas

## OPENING PRAYER:

*Pastor: O Lord, through Your holy word You gladden Your people with the anticipation of our redemption. Give us Your Holy Spirit so that we may by faith joyfully receive Your Son as our Redeemer that He might give us the right to be called children of God and heirs of heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**HYMN:** *“What Child is This”*

What child is this who, laid to rest,  
On Mary’s lap is sleeping,  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where oxen now are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through;  
The cross He’ll bear for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high;

## THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

### PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**HYMN:** *“Hosanna to the Living Lord”*

Hosanna to the living Lord!  
Hosanna to the th’Incarnate Word!  
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,  
Let earth, let heav’n, hosanna sing.

O Savior, with protecting care,  
Abide in this Thy house of prayer,  
Where we Thy parting promise claim,  
Assembled in Thy sacred name.

But, chiefest, in our cleansed breast,  
Eternal, bid Thy Spirit rest  
And make our secret soul to be  
A temple pure and worthy Thee.

So in the last and dreadful Day,  
When earth and heav’n shall melt away,  
Thy flock, redeemed from sinful stain,  
Shall swell the sound of praise again.

Amen.

### BENEDICTION

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**Cong: Amen.**

And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.

This is He whom Heav'n-taught singers  
Sang of old with one accord;  
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word.  
Now He shines, the Long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore.  
Amen.

**SERMON:** *The following series will be the focus of our meditations for the mid-week Advent services.*

## The Miracles of Christmas

### December 3

Text: Galatians 4:4-5

**The Miracle of  
The Moment**

### December 10

Text: John 3:16

**The Miracle of  
The Message**

### December 17

Text: Isaiah 53:4-5

**The Miracle of  
The Method**

The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the Son of Mary!

## INVOCATION

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Cong: Amen.**

## RESPONSIVE READING:

*P: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.*

**Cong: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

*P: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.*

**Cong: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

*P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

**Cong: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

*P: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.*

**Cong: The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. (2) Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, (3) and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, (4) and Ram the father of

Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, (5) and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, (6) and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, (7) and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, (8) and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, (9) and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, (10) and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, (11) and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. (12) And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, (13) and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, (14) and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, (15) and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, (16) and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. (17) So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. (18) 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. (19) And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. (20) 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. (21) She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (22) All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: (23) "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). (24) When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, (25) but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

## HYMN

*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

**Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the Source, the Ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.**

**Oh, that birth forever blessed  
When the Virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face  
Evermore and evermore.**

**O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;  
Angel hosts, His praises sing;  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him**