

Shadyside Presbyterian Church
Kids' Worship Guide
17 December 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

Watching and Waiting



Just as our regular calendars have seasons, like spring, summer, winter, and fall, the Church calendar has seasons as well. Advent is the first season in the Church year and today is the third Sunday in the season of Advent.

“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During the season of Advent, we celebrate Jesus coming into the world. We watch and wait, remembering the joy Jesus brings.

There are four weeks of Advent and each Sunday, we light another Advent candle. Today, we light the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy.

Where in the Word is the Word?

The Word can mean many things:

The Word = Jesus, God’s Son

The Word = The Bible, the story of God’s people

The Word = A sermon or homily spoken

Where in the Bible do we find the scripture readings for today?

Book of the Bible	Chapter	Verses
Luke	1	39-55
Isaiah	61	1-4, 10-11

Worship Insights



“The child to be born
will be holy;
he will be called
Son of God.”
Luke 1:35

When the angel visited Mary with the news that her baby would be God’s Son, Mary hurried to share the news with her cousin Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard the news, she exclaimed, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!”

Mary was filled with joy and praised God, saying, “My soul magnifies the Lord...” Although Mary probably didn’t actually sing, her words have become known as “Mary’s Song” and have been set to music by many composers.

The fancy word for Mary’s Song is “Magnificat.” Magnificat is the Latin word meaning, “magnifies,” which is a way of saying how great God is. Our Chancel Choir sings one of the versions of *Magnificat* today. Sir David Willcocks was the composer. The words are on page 5 in the worship bulletin.

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Where are we now?

*Place an X next to each part of the worship service after we have done it
You can find each of these in the Worship Bulletin*

Done	Part of Worship Liturgy
	PRELUDE
	LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE & CALL TO WORSHIP
	HYMN IN PROCESSION #12
	PRAYER OF ADORATION
	ORISON
	PRAYER OF CONFESSION
	SILENT CONFESSION
	CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
	ASSURANCE OF PARDON
	CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
	<i>Children age 4 years and older may leave with their teachers</i>
	WELCOME
	PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
	GOSPEL
	ANTHEM
	HEBREW SCRIPTURE
	SERMON
	HYMN OF RESPONSE #9
	AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
	PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
	OFFERING ANTHEM
	DOXOLOGY
	HYMN #411
	BENEDICTION
	POSTLUDE

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Mary's Song

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. The spiritual part of humans which lives forever
A. rejoice B. glorify C. merciful D. soul
- ___ 2. To give honor, praise, and adoration to
A. rich B. servant C. blessed D. glorify
- ___ 3. To express great joy or happiness
A. blessed B. rejoice C. humble D. servant
- ___ 4. Not proud or boastful
A. hungry B. rich C. soul D. humble
- ___ 5. Having good things given to you, especially from God
A. hungry B. servant C. rejoice D. blessed
- ___ 6. To be filled excessive self-esteem
A. proud B. servant C. glorify D. humble
- ___ 7. To feel the need or desire for food
A. blessed B. soul C. servant D. hungry
- ___ 8. Having great wealth
A. soul B. glorify C. humble D. rich

Magnificat - Mary's Song

V T S B E H O L D Y S I V V U Y O J G M K L I
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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden     and .

ABRAHAM
 ANCESTORS
 BABY
 BEHOLD
 BLESSED
 ELIZABETH
 EXALTED
 FAVOR

GENERATIONS
 GLORIFY
 GOD
 GOOD THINGS
 HANDMAIDEN
 HEART
 HOLY SPIRIT
 HONOR

HOPE
 HUMBLE
 ISRAEL
 JOY
 LORD
 LOVE
 MAGNIFY
 MARY

MEEK
 MERCY
 MIGHTY
 MOTHER
 NAME
 PEACE
 POWERFUL
 PRAISE

PROMISED
 REJOICE
 REMEMBERING
 SAVIOR
 SERVANT
 STRENGTH