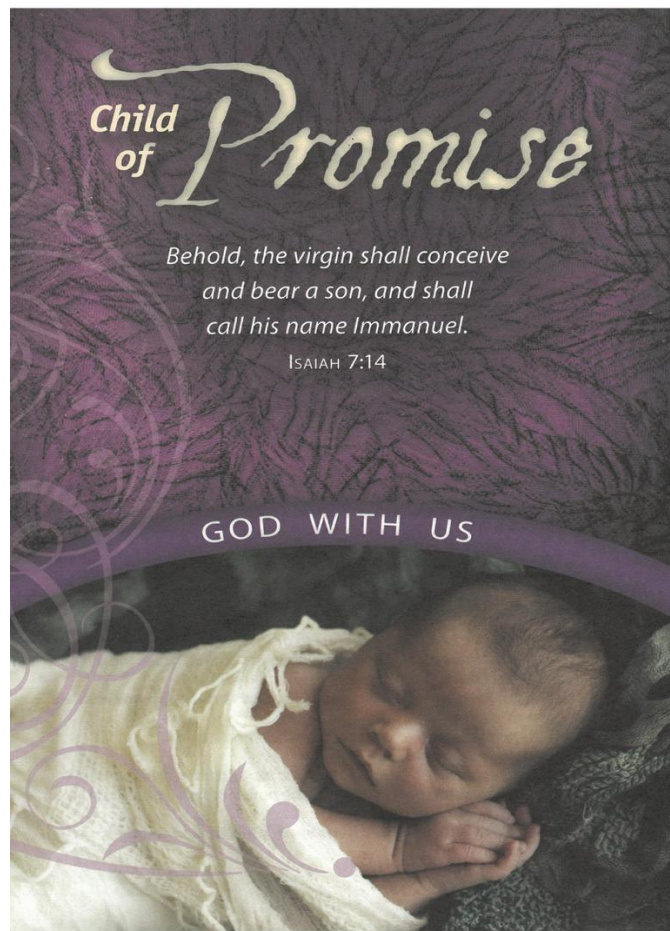




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God writes His Word on our Lives, building us into a Family engaged in Spirit-filled Service.



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Welcome to Week One of our Advent and Christmas worship series, *Child of Promise*. The Bible is full of promises, but ultimately all of the promises of God are found in the Christ child. In this series we will explore the promises associated with the original Hebrew names given to the Messiah in Isaiah 7-10. Each week we will look at how these promises of old give meaning to our lives today as people of promise.

The Hymn

The Advent of Our King

Hymn 331 v 1-3



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.

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An Advent Approach

P In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, should make the author of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.

C **Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family.**

P So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

C **Praise to you, O Immanuel!**

P Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

C **and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.**

P For surely it is not angels He helps,

C **but Abraham's descendants.**

P For this reason He had to be made like them, fully human in every way,

C **in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people.**

P Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted,

C **He is able to help those who are being tempted.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C Almighty God, we confess to you that we often turn away from your Word and will to follow the temptations of the world and our own sinful desires. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus, whose birth we celebrate and whose return we await.

P God sent his Son to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus suffered the penalty of death that we deserved. On the third day he rose from death to give us eternal life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Prayer of the Day

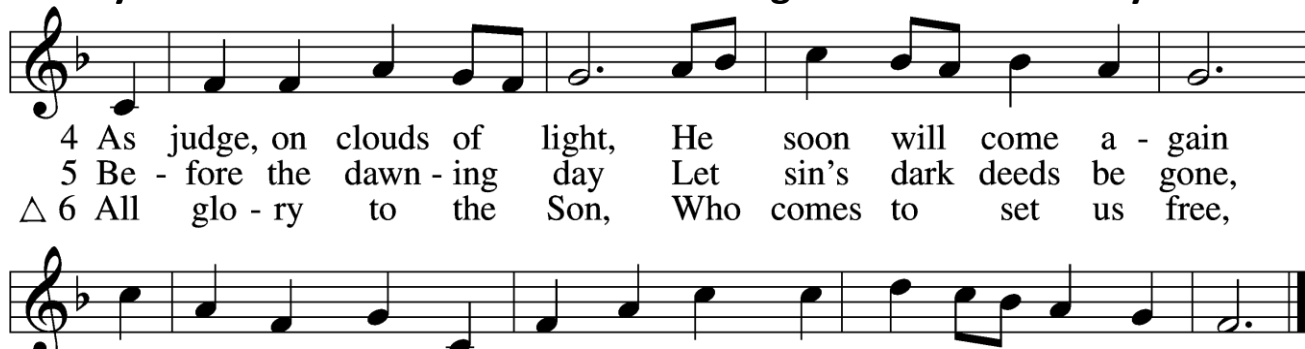
P Almighty God, in the coming of Immanuel—God with us—you bring us your gracious presence. We heed the sign of your coming in Jesus' birth. Thank you for not only being with us but for us. Grant us faith to welcome you and worship you in this Advent season and always. We pray in the name of Immanuel, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

The Hymn

The Advent of Our King

Hymn 331 v 4-6



4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain
5 Be - fore the dawn - ing day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
△ 6 All glo - ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free,

And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.
The sin - ful self be put a - way, The new self now put on.
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." ¹³ And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for

you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-23

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)

The Hymn

“Savior of the Nations, Come

Hymn 332 v1-2, 7



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
In this light faith now a - bides.

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The Message

The Prayers

- P With souls burdened by guilt and anxiety we anticipate your arrival.
C **Come so that your presence may comfort us, O Immanuel!**
P With lives broken by sin and shame we await your arrival.
C **Come so that your presence may restore us, O Immanuel!**
P With hearts saddened by trouble and loss we yearn for your arrival.
C **Come so that your presence may cheer us, O Immanuel!**
P With spirits weakened by despair and hopelessness we depend upon your arrival.
C **Come so that your presence may empower us, O Immanuel!**
P Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel!
C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Pastor: The Lord Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

People: Amen.

The Closing Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymn 338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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