

Advent
~TWENTY-TWO~
Alternative Gift Market
Sunday, December 11-18

Christmas Eve

4:30pm, Family
9:00pm Candlelight

Christmas Day

10:00am Informal Worship



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December 18, 2022 - Order of Worship

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship *Joy to the World!*

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting *Elizabeth Swift & Family*

Passing the Peace

Hymn of Praise Joy to the World #146 vs. 1,2,4

First Scripture *Genesis 2:4-9* pg. 2

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

Second Scriptures Matthew 3:1-12 pg. 828

Revelation 22:1-2 pg. 1076

Sermon *The Serious Business of Advent*

Musical Response *Strange Way to Save the World*

Opportunities to Serve

Moment for Mission *Christmas Joy Offering*

Offertory

Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of Commitment *What Child is This?* #150

Life Together

Benediction

Benediction Song *What Child is This? (reprise)*

Postlude

Drop off your 2023 commitment cards any time.

More available in Narthex.

WPC Opportunities

- Christmas Joy Offering today
- Monday morning sermon study - 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
- Wednesday morning study in Dave's office
- Reverse Advent Calendar
- Alternative Christmas Market continues in Narthex
- Advent schedule on back page.
- Inquirer's class January 8th & 15th
- Moment 4 Moms

1/9/23: 9:30-11AM Hike Paramount Ranch

Message Reflections

Sermon Takeaway: *Advent reminds us to examine our hearts as we approach the celebration of Christmas.*

1. What are some ways you prepare for Christmas?
2. When you think of John the Baptist, what's the first image that comes to mind? What can we learn from his role in the Christmas story?
3. Reflect on the creation story (Gen. 2:4-9) and John's vision at the end of Revelation (Rev. 22:1-2). How does your own personal journey fit into the grand narrative told at the beginning and end of the Bible?

Leading today's service: Daryl Fisher-Ogden, Pavel Petrov, Dave Rohde, Ed Smart, Katie Smart, Elizabeth Swift & Family, The WPC Praise Band, The WPC Chancel Choir