

## Advent 2025: “In Days to Come”

Welcome to the season of Advent! We begin the church year waiting for the arrival of our Savior and yearning for the hope that he brings to our broken world. This year, we will watch as a tree grows and transforms in our Sanctuary, highlighting the Biblical themes that we hear from the books of Isaiah and Matthew each week of Advent.



This week, we “Plant and Wait” while gathering around and under the tree that is bare. It may appear to us that the tree is not alive, but as we begin this Advent journey, we look for the coming of our Savior to prove us wrong and bring light, life, and transformation into our world once again.



### **Advent Week 2** “Grow in Hope”

(Isaiah 11:1-10 & Matthew 3:1-12)

We hear from the prophets, Isaiah and John the Baptist, foretelling of the One who is coming, and the hope that grows from this good news, quite similar to the hope that is found in the waters of baptism.



### **Advent Week 3** “Blossom with Joy”

(Isaiah 35: 1-10 & Matthew 11:2-11)

We experience brilliant imagery of life bursting forth from parched places, strength amid fear, peace among enemies, and life renewed through the healing love of the Savior to come. We also witness life and joy through the voices of the youngest among us as they tell the story of Jesus’ birth.



### **Advent Week 4** “A Promise of Peace”

(Isaiah 7:10-16, Isaiah 58: 6-12, Matthew 1:18-25)

Immanuel/Emmanuel, God with us, is the theme of this day, as we embrace the promise of peace that is proclaimed through word and song in the texts for the day, and the offerings of Crown of Glory’s musical ensembles in the annual Christmas Cantata. The tree reflects the light-filled promise as it twinkles throughout the service, reminding us of the heavens that will be filled with angels in just a few short days.



### **Christmas Eve** “Love Has Come”

(Isaiah 9: 2-7 & Luke 2:1-20)

We move from waiting, “In Days to Come,” and celebrating that “Love Has Come” on Christmas! The life that abounds from the manger is reflected in the colors and life that bursts forth from the tree and encapsulates the Sanctuary, all the way to the cross. We join with the angels and all creation in singing praises to God for the gift of Love.

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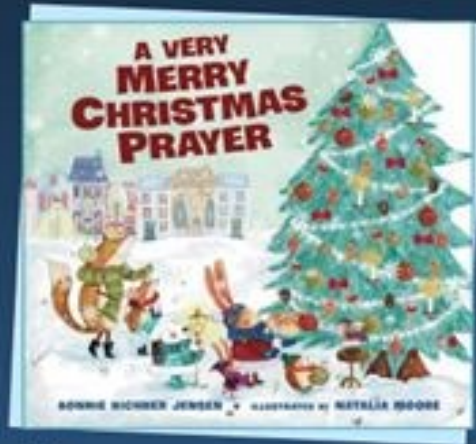
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