

## 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.



### **Advent Week 1**

“Plant and Wait”

(Isaiah 2:1-5 & Matthew 24: 36-44)

We gather around and under the tree that is bare, perhaps appearing as though it is not alive, but we look to the coming of our Savior to prove us wrong and bring light, life, and transformation.



### **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)

This week, we “Blossom with Joy” and celebrate life returning to parched places, nourished by the waters of baptism, and the healing love of the Savior to come.

We witness the tree in full bloom, as we remember the life that is found in the Christ-child and the promise that he makes real and true. We also watch and hear the joyful witness of the youngest among us as they tell us the good news of the Christmas story.



### **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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