

WE COME TO WORSHIP WITH PRAISE

* **Call to Worship:** *I Chronicles 16:28-31*

* **God's Greeting**

* **Our Songs of Praise:**

Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name #8:1,2 (PH)

Lord, our Lord, your glorious name
All your wondrous works proclaim;
In the heavens with radiant signs
Evermore your glory shines. How great your name!

Refrain: Lord, our Lord, in all the earth,
How great your name!
Yours the name of matchless worth,
Excellent in all the earth.
How great your name!

Infant voices chant your praise,
Telling of your glorious ways;
Weakest means work out your will,
Mighty enemies to still. How great your name! *Refrain*

* **Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus** #329:1,2,3,4 (PH)

Come Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

* *indicates to stand if you are able*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Congregational Response:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous branch, and He shall reign as King and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land." Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS...

Call to Confession: *Psalm 51:1-4*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Whiter Than Snow #109:1,2 (HFG)

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;
I want Thee forever to live in my soul.
Break down every idol, cast out every foe.
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Refrain: Whiter than snow,
Yes, whiter than snow,
Now wash me and I shall be
Whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, look down from Your throne in the skies
And help me to make a complete sacrifice.
I give up myself and what-ever I know –
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession

HE PARDONS US...

Our Assurance of His Forgiveness: *Psalm 130:1-4*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

WE WORSHIP WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Prayer

Offering: *Envision Ministries*

(Children ages 3 years old – 2nd grade may leave for Children's Church during the offering.)

Morning Prayer

WE WORSHIP FROM HIS WORD

* **Scripture:** *Jonah 1*

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This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Message: *The Powerful God Who Pursues*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer

* **I Will Praise Him**

#359:1,3,4 (HFG)

(Love Offering for One to One will be taken during this song.)

When I saw the cleansing fountain,

Open wide for all my sin,

I obeyed the Spirit's calling

When He said, "Wilt thou be clean?"

Refrain: I will praise Him! I will praise Him!

Praise the Lamb for sinners slain;

Give Him glory, all ye people,

For His blood can wash away each stain.

Blessed be the name of Jesus!
I'm so glad He took me in;
He's forgiven my transgressions,
He has cleansed my heart from sin. *Refrain*

Refrain: I will praise Him! I will praise Him!
Praise the Lamb for sinners slain;
Give Him glory, all ye people,
For His blood can wash away each stain.

Glory, glory to the Father!
Glory, glory to the Son!
Glory, glory to the Spirit!
Glory, glory to the Three in One! *Refrain*

WE DEPART WITH CONSECRATED LIVES

* **God's Blessing**

* **Parting Song: *Take My Life and Let It Be*** #288:1 (PH)

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in endless praise,
Let them flow in endless praise.

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Congregational Prayer: *Jim Aguirre*

Offertory Prayer: *Kevin Berendsen*

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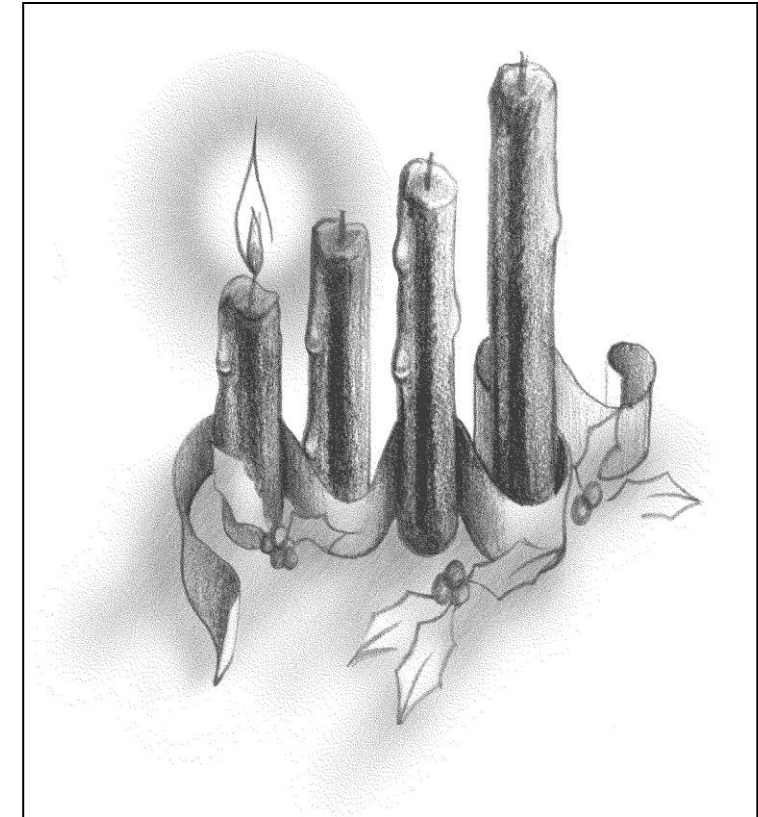
Advent Readers: *Tim, Mindy and Katelyn Vander Veen*

Offering: *Envision Ministries was created to work with the street culture of downtown Bellingham. "The mission of Envision Ministries is to commune with God in prayer as a group, to make disciples of Jesus who obey all He commands, and to save the lost in Bellingham's downtown culture." Part of the work of Envision is the Three Trees Coffeehouse in downtown Bellingham. For more information visit www.envision-ministries.org or www.threetreescoffee.com or talk to either Mitch or Rochelle Senti.*

Love Offering: *One to One Ministries is a unique ministry working with people who are lonely. One to One visits people in prisons, detention centers, shelter houses, retirement and care centers as well as other places. For more information contact Vincent Juarez at 354-1501.*

Sermon Notes

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10:30 Morning Service