



RESURRECTION CHURCH
Worship Gathering | 12.1.24
First Sunday in Advent

CALLED BY GOD INTO WORSHIP

The Greeting - Raul

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One: El Señor este contigo!

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Today is the first Sunday of Advent. For those unfamiliar with the season of Advent, it's a tradition practiced by Christians around the world. The word Advent means "arrival" and Advent is about remembering and celebrating the arrival of Jesus on Earth. It's also about waiting for his return. Just like Lent is a preparation for Easter, Advent is a preparation for Christmas. So every Sunday, we'll light one candle and then on Christmas day, the fifth candle will be lit. Please join me in reading our call to worship, I'll read the part of One, if you'll read the part of Many.

Hoy es el primer domingo de Adviento. Para aquellos que no están familiarizados con la temporada de Adviento, es una tradición practicada por cristianos de todo el mundo. La palabra Adviento significa "llegada" y Adviento se trata de recordar y celebrar la llegada de Jesús a la Tierra. Se trata también de esperar su regreso. Así como la Cuaresma es una preparación para la Pascua, el Adviento es una preparación para la Navidad. Así que cada domingo encenderemos una vela y luego, el día de Navidad, se encenderá la quinta vela. Únase a mí para leer nuestro llamado a la adoración. Yo leeré la parte de Uno, si usted lee la parte de Muchos.

The Call to Worship & Lighting of the First Advent Candle [purple] - based on Isaiah 40:3 - Raul

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Song of Adoration: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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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

Come, Thou long expected king
Fill our heart with gladness

Corporate Confession of Sin - Bruce

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Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits
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In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song of Response: Lord, I Need You (Spanish Chorus)

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Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
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Oh, Señor, Tenecesito
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So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
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Song of Thanksgiving: The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

A Dios el padre celestial
Al Hijo nuestro redentor
Y al eternal Consolador
Unidos todos alabad. Amen

INVITED BY GOD INTO COMMUNITY

Passing of Peace - Drea

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Res Kids Dismissal - Drea

- Parents, if you've already checked your kids in, you can send them down with our volunteer at the back of the room. If you haven't checked them in, please go down with them.
- There is a *space for feeding children in the side room to your right*. Our kids will rejoin us after the close of the sermon, so keep an eye out for your little one.
- OPTIONAL PRAYER: "Almighty God, heavenly Father, thank you for the joy and care of children. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

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ADDRESSED BY GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE

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Lectura Bíblica (Spanish) - Isaías 40:1-5 & 9-11 (RVC) - Valeria

Message: Advent ONE - The Making of Good: Making Good Out Of Bad (Isaiah 40:1-5 & 9-11; 42:1-4; 43:1-3a & 53:10-12) - Bruce Dykstra

NOURISHED BY GOD AT THE TABLE

The Lord's Supper - Kaitlin

Invitation

Apostles Creed

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***Sursum Corda* ("Hearts up!")**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Many: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same he took the cup, after supper, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

***Mysterium Fidei* ("Mystery of Faith")**

One: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and bless these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be bound in fellowship to all who share this feast, united in mission throughout the world. Keep us faithful in your mission until

Christ comes in final victory, that we may feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal Kingdom. Amen.

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The Communion

Concluding Prayer + Prayer Volunteer

Song of Response: Waymaker (with Spanish Chorus)

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You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You; I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You; I worship You

Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You; I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You; I worship You

You are here, turning lives around
I worship You; I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You; I worship You

Milagroso, abres camino
Cumple promesas, luz en tinieblas
Mi Dios, así eres tú

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Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
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Blessing: Bruce Dykstra

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The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending - Bruce Dykstra

One: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

let us strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying:

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Scripture Reading (English) - [Isaiah 40:1-5 & 9-11](#) (ESV) - Pam

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Lectura Bíblica (Spanish) - [Isaías 40:1-5 & 9-11](#) (RVC) - Valeria

El Dios de ustedes dice:

«Consuelen a mi pueblo; ¡consuélenlo!

² ¡Hablen al corazón de Jerusalén!
¡Díganle a voz en cuello
que ya se ha cumplido su tiempo,
que su pecado ya ha sido perdonado;
que ya ha recibido de manos del Señor
el doble por todos sus pecados.»

³ Una voz clama en el desierto:

«Preparen el camino del Señor;
enderecen en el páramo
una calzada a nuestro Dios.

⁴ Que todo valle sea enaltecido;
que se hunda todo monte y collado;
que se enderece lo torcido
y que lo áspero se allane.

⁵ Se manifestará la gloria del Señor,
y la humanidad entera la verá.
La boca del Señor ha hablado.»

⁹ ¡Súbete a un monte alto, mensajera de Sión! ¡Levanta con fuerza tu voz, mensajera de Jerusalén! ¡Levántala sin miedo y di a las ciudades de Judá: «¡Vean aquí a su Dios!»

¹⁰ ¡Miren! Dios el Señor viene con poder, y su brazo dominará. ¡Miren! Ya trae con él su recompensa; ya le precede el galardón. ¹¹ Cuidará de su rebaño como un pastor; en sus brazos, junto a su pecho, llevará a los corderos, y guiará con suavidad a las ovejas recién paridas.

One: La palabra del Señor

All: Gracias a Dios!

Invitation — At the table we have a meal that has sustained Christians over thousands of years, a tangible reminder of God's self-giving love.

This table is for all baptized Christians, come and eat!

If you're not a baptized Christian, we're honored that you're here :)

We invite you to come forward to receive a blessing (you can put your hands together like this), or remain in your seat if that's more comfortable.

But we do ask that you not partake in the elements to respect the sacredness of this meal for Christians.

We now invite everyone to stand to confess or consider the Apostles Creed.

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