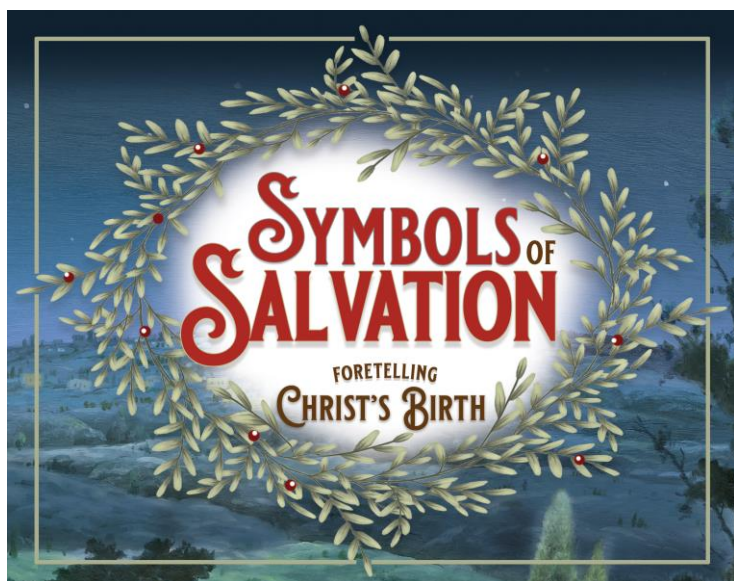




# Midweek Advent Worship 2021



## As We Gather

The weeks leading up to Christmas are filled with special memories as previous holiday seasons come to mind. The Church Year time of Advent helps us to prepare for the coming of our Lord once again. As we make those preparations, not only do we look back to the first Christmas as recorded by the Gospel writers, but we also look even further back in Scripture to when the Son of God came among His people in other times and places before His wondrous birth at Bethlehem. In the Old Testament, we find the details of earlier divine visits that are part of our sacred memory, and we recall them in these holy days.

## Opening Hymn

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 124:8*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** In this season of penitence and reflection, let us think of our unworthiness and confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, asking for His merciful forgiveness.  
**C** God Almighty, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son, our Emmanuel, to die for us, and for His sake, forgives us all our sins. May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**C** Amen.

### Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

## Opening Collect

## First Reading

## Psalm

## Second Reading

### Verse

*Philippians 4:5b–6, Psalm 50:2–6, 14*

- P** The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- C** **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**
- P** Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.
- C** **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people: “Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”**
- P** The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge!
- C** **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High.**

### Holy Gospel

### Hymn of the Day

### Sermon

### Catechism

### Prayer of the Church

### Lord’s Prayer

### Advent Antiphon

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### Prayer

### Blessing

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.
- C** **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

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