

Sunday Worship

Repeat the Sounding Joy

December 1, 2019

Advent: Kingdom Come

12/01
10:30A

10:26a **Prelude**

GATHERING

10:30a **Welcome**

> *Welcome to Grace Sacramento*

> *My name is ... and I'm so happy you are here. Please take a moment and let us know you are here by filling out the welcome card in your bulletin. It's a way for us to get in touch with you if you'd like more information about the ministries we offer and for you to let us know how we can pray for you or serve your family.*

> *I want to invite the Summers family to light the first Advent candle as our call to worship this morning:*

10:31a **Advent Reading**

Advent is a word that means "coming" or "arrival." It is a four-week period in which the church remembers the promises of Jesus' first coming, and looks forward to His promise to come again. Just as John the Baptist told the Jewish people to "prepare" for the Lord's coming, we need to encourage each other to be ready for his coming again.

Leader #1: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming.

People: We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

Leader #2:

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. [Isaiah 2:4]

People: "Let us walk in the light of the Lord"

Leader #1: *Let's pray.*

Lord as we anticipate your coming this Christmas help us to anticipate your Justice. Make us a people that pray for and work for the justice and peace promised with your coming. Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Whose coming we anticipate. Amen.

10:33a **Sing To The King**

V1, C, V2, Cx2

10:37a **Our God Saves**

V, C, V, C, Tag ("Hear the joyful sound"), C

10:41a **Confession/Assurance**
Call to Confession

Friends, even as the people of God, we are reminded daily that we still sin. God's Word urges us to acknowledge our sins and confess our failures before God and one another so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy. Let's hear about His mercy in Isaiah 64:6–9 and then we will confess our sin together.

We have all become like one who is unclean and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; ... But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Confession

**Lord God, our lives are filled with sin.
We forget our neighbor's needs
and do not love you above all else.
We need a Savior.
Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts.
O come, O come, Savior of the world.**

[Silent Reflection]

Assurance (Isaiah 40:1-2)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Your sins are pardoned.
The penalty is paid.
Thanks be to God.

10:45a **Offering**

10:45:30a ***The Heart Of Worship***
V1, PC, C, V2, PC, C

10:49:30a **Doxology**

10:50a **Pastoral Prayer**

Let us pray to the Lord our God saying:

"Restore us, O God, **and make your face to shine upon us that we might be saved.**"

Our souls magnify you, O Lord, and our Spirits rejoice in you, our Savior!
For you have looked upon the lowliness of your servants,
you have heard our cry and saved your people.
We shall be called blessed because we are called by you to be a blessing to others.
Your mercy is from generation to generation.
Restore us, O God, **and make your face to shine upon us that we might be saved.**

We remember this day those upon our hearts who need healing,
who long for the light, who need your power to drive out the darkness:
for those who suffer from depression and other mental illnesses,
for those who cannot bring themselves to forgive others,
for those who cannot forgive themselves,
for those who seek refuge, but have been denied shelter,
for those who have lost loved ones in the past year,
for those who have lost physical and mental abilities,
for those who have been living with cancer and other debilitating illnesses.
Restore us, O God, **and make your face to shine upon us that we might be saved.**

We ask that you would strengthen us at Grace as a church:
as we seek to be the best stewards of the money with which we've been blessed,
as we search and learn your word and do our best to live it out in our lives,
as we run after that which you call us to be,
as we serve one another and those whom you call into this fellowship,
as we continue to grow as a congregation,
as we wait, watch, and wonder in preparation of the coming of your Son.
Restore us, O God, **and make your face to shine upon us that we might be saved.**

Gracious God,
as we begin this Advent journey,
may we wait with joyful anticipation
as we prepare to welcome your Son, our Savior,
into this broken world in need of his redeeming.
Gather us, guide us, and keep us as your people.
Give us the mind of Christ, and send us into the world that to be Christ's hands,
Restore us, O God, **and make your face to shine upon us that we might be saved. Amen.**

10:53a **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

10:55a **GraceKids Prayer**

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WORD

10:56a **Scripture Reading: Psalm 122**
Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Psalm 122. Please read with me the verses in blue.

[1] I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

**[2] Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

[3] Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,

**[4] to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

[5] There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.

**[6] Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May they be secure who love you!"**

[7] Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!"

**[8] For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"**

[9] For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

10:59a **Sermon: Repeat the Sounding Joy**

TABLE

11:34a **Communion**
> Servers: Brad Carpenter, Diaconate
> Prayer Ministers: Randy Anderson, Debbie Lauger

11:40a ***We Will Feast In The House Of Zion***
C, V1, C, V2, C, V3, C

SENDING

11:43a **Benediction**

11:44a **Postlude**

11:47a **12/1/19 ART Earth From Space**

11:44a