

ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN

Advent 2021

1st Week of Advent: Jesus is Our Hope (Candle Color: Purple)

Hope: to trust in, wait for, look for, or desire something or someone; a secure assurance, a trust placed in a trustworthy God

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we believe you are the Messiah - God's promise and gift of salvation for the world. Thank you for coming to dwell among us and be the way for humanity to experience life with God again. We long for the day when your righteousness, justice and love reign and rule on this earth without the hinderance of evil. Jesus, you are our hope. Amen.

Scripture: Genesis 3:14-15, 22:17-18; 2 Samuel 7:12-13, 22-24; Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7; Matthew 1:17; Lamentations 3:25-26; Micah 7:7

2nd Week of Advent: Jesus is Love (Candle Color: Purple)

Love: to be full of good will towards, to have a preference for, to regard the welfare of

Prayer: Father God, we praise you today for the gift of your love, revealed to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. By the power of Holy Spirit fill our hearts with his love, gentleness, compassion and care, so that our lives are permeated with the fragrance of Christ and others around us will come to know that you love them. Amen.

Scripture: John 3:16-17; 1 John 3:1-3; 2 Corinthians 2:14; Psalm 107:1; Matthew 22:36-40

3rd Week of Advent: Jesus is Our Joy (Candle Color: Pink)

Joy: recognizing and responding to God's grace extended to us (in Jesus Christ)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you are the Light that has come into the world to dispel all darkness. We rejoice in the good news of your birth, recognizing that in you we find the abundant grace of God extended to us - ever day! Help us to receive anew the gift of life in you, and share the joy of God's grace with others. Amen.

Scripture: Matthew 2:10-11; Luke 1:46-49; Luke 2:8-20; John 16:22; Acts 2:25-28; Philippians 4:4-5; Psalm 51:12

4th Week of Advent: Jesus is Our Peace (Candle Color: Purple)

Peace: wholeness, physical well-being, prosperity, security, good relations, and integrity

Prayer: Thank you Father, for sending Jesus Christ into the world to restore us in peace with you, and with one another. We long for the day that all hostility, injustice, and disharmony will cease in the presence of the Prince of Peace. Until that day, keep us in your perfect peace as our mind is stayed on the truth of your love and the grace of your promises. Help us to trust fully in Christ and be bringers of his peace wherever we may go. Amen.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 26:3; Luke 2:14; John 14:27; 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Matthew 5:9

We will light a 5th candle, the Christ Candle, together on Christmas Eve. Come celebrate the birth of Jesus on Friday, December 24th at 10am at Missio Community (3405 SW Alice St.).