

TRINITY PRES NORMAN  
ADVENT COMPANION  
2022







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Our prayer is that by focusing on the glory of the incarnation of Jesus using the Trinity Pres Advent Companion our hearts will be awakened and filled with wonder so that we may be comforted and rejoice as we behold and adore him, Christ our Savior and King.

## **To use this companion:**

Each week - sing the hymn daily,  
read the accompanying passage, and  
consider the theme by meditating  
upon the daily questions.

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

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1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2. God of God, Light of Light;  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him  
 lo, he ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb; ver - y God, be -  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God, all  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels;  
 got - ten not cre - at - ed;  
 glo - ry in the high - est; O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

## Week 1

### Hymn of the Week: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**Dec. 1** - Theme: "Singing". Read: Luke 2:13-14; Revelation 5:8-11.

Consider: *What is your favorite song? Why do people sing?*

*Why did the angels sing when Jesus was born?*

**Dec. 2** - Theme: "Willingness". Read: Hebrews 12:1-3.

Consider: *What does it mean to be willing? What does it mean to be unwilling? How can the sin of our hearts make us willing to do the wrong things and unwilling to do the right things? How did Jesus' willingness to be born and do difficult things for us demonstrate God's love for us?*

**Dec. 3** - Theme: "Promises". Read: Micah 5:1-6

Consider: *What is a promise? Why do people make promises? How was Jesus being born in Bethlehem a promise kept by God?*

**Dec. 4** - Theme: "Glory". Read: Revelation 19:1-10.

Consider: *What is glory? What are some glorious things you have seen? How are glorious things meant to point us to God? Is there anything more glorious than Jesus coming to be born to save sinners?*

**Dec. 5** - Theme: "Broken". Read: Ephesians 2:1-10.

Consider: *What does it mean when something is broken? What does it mean when the bible teaches us that sin has left us broken? Since we can't fix ourselves, how does Jesus' birth begin God's process of fixing what is broken? Which broken things will be repaired?*


**Dec. 6** - Theme: "Substitute". Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

Consider: *What is a substitute? Are substitutes usually as qualified as those they are replacing? Why is Jesus qualified to be born as a substitute to effectively save sinners?*

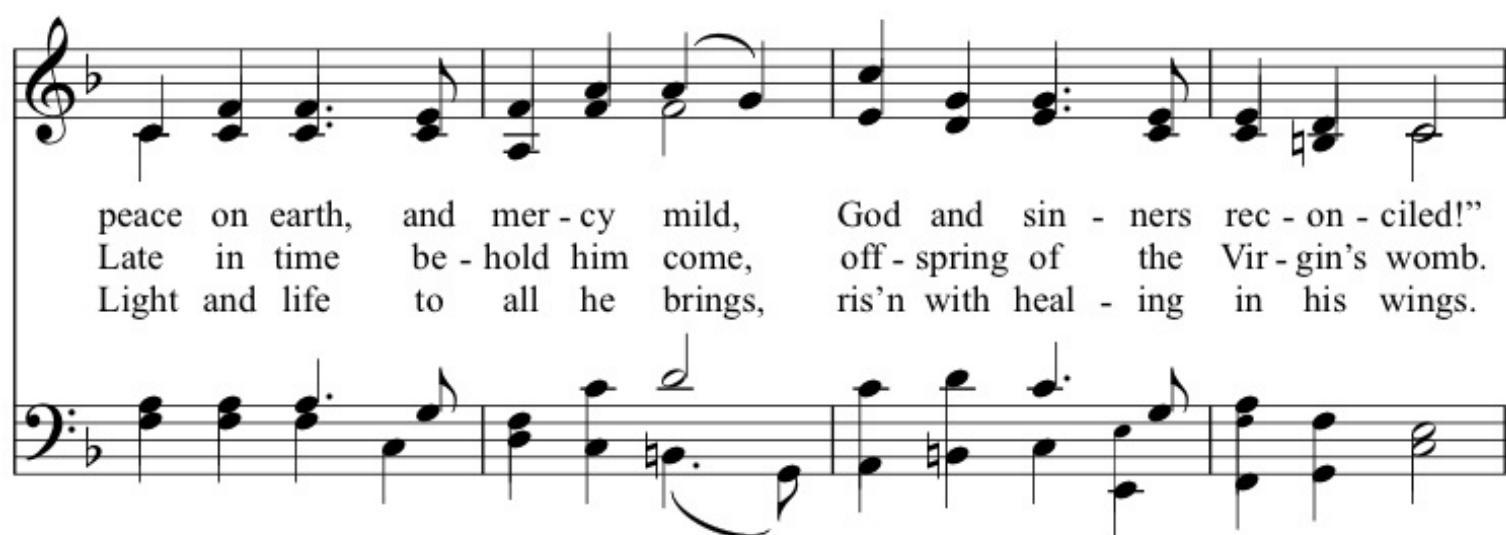
**Dec. 7** - Theme: "Jesus". Read: Hebrews 1:1-4.

Consider: *Do you have tools? Where do you keep them? When something is broken, how do you know what tool to use to fix it? How does Jesus' being born in Bethlehem show that only a person, and not a tool, could fix the relationship between God and sinners?*

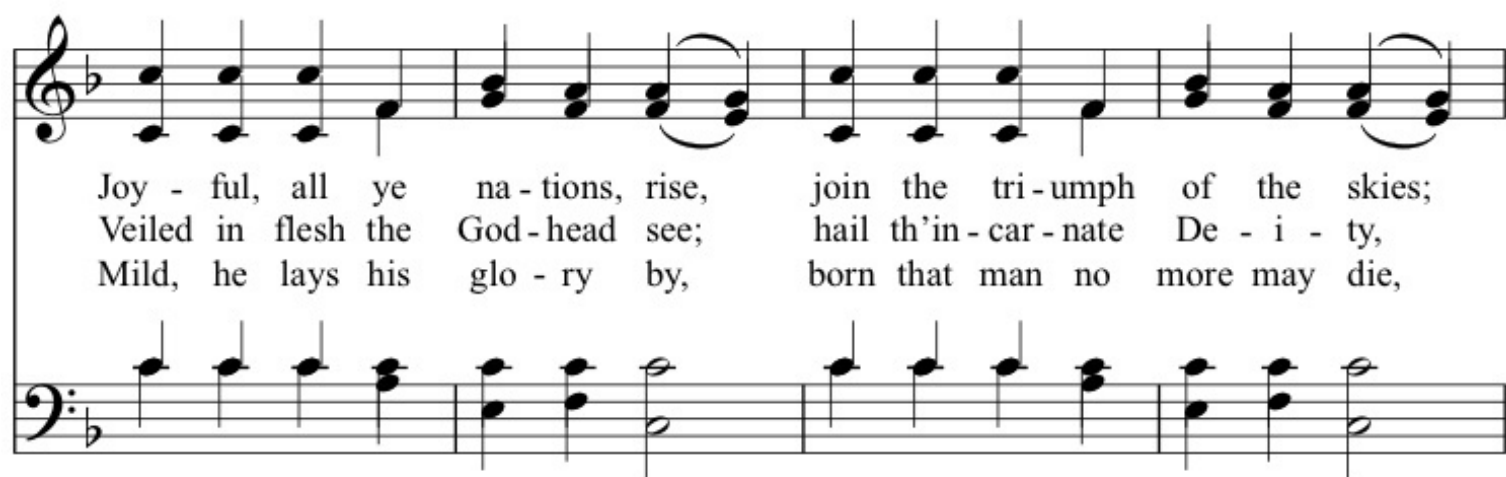
## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
 Mild, he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

## Week 2

### Hymn of the Week: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"

**Dec. 8** - Theme: "Peace". Read: Ephesians 2:11-22.

Consider: *What is peace? What would it look like if everyone in your life lived in peace? How was Jesus' birth instrumental in producing actual peace between God and man?*

**Dec. 9** - Theme: "Stealing". Read: Philippians 3:12-20.

Consider: *What would you do if someone stole something very valuable from you? Have you stolen anything from anyone? How does our sin rob God of his glory? How did Jesus' need to be born to forgive condemned robbers?*

**Dec. 10** - Theme: "The Way". Read: John 14:1-14.

Consider: *Do you know the way to our church? Are there more ways than one to get to our church? How does Jesus being born indicate that there is only one way for sinners to be reconciled to God?*

**Dec. 11** - Theme: "Kingdom". Read: Matthew 6:19-33.

Consider: *What is a kingdom? How does our sin cause us to deny the Kingdom of God and attempt to create our own little kingdoms with ourselves as kings and queens? How does Jesus' birth begin his kingship over us and invite us to leave our failing kingdoms behind and join his much better kingdom?*

**Dec. 12** - Theme: "Good and Bad News". Read: Romans 5:6-11.

Consider: *What would be the best news you could ever receive? What would be the worst news you could ever receive? How does Jesus' birth announce to us both the worst news about ourselves (the cost of our sin) and the best news (about how God will deal with sin) we could ever hear?*

**Dec. 13** - Theme: "Marching". Read: Galatians 4:4-7.

Consider: *Why do people march? How does Galatians 4 indicate that all the events prior to Jesus' birth were marching toward that day? After Jesus' birth, to what event was he marching?*

**Dec. 14** - Theme: "Selfless". Read: 2 Corinthians 5:14-16.

Consider: *Why do people make demands of others? When do you find yourself becoming demanding? How was Jesus' birth the ultimate selfless action?*

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on  
 3. O come, thou rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's  
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy  
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,  
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law  
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,  
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

Refrain  
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.



## Week 3

### Hymn of the Week: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**Dec. 15** - Theme: "Prophecy/Promises". Read: Isaiah 7:14-15.

Consider: *What is a promise? How are God's promises/prophecies different than our promises? Can you identify any promises/prophecies about Jesus' birth that were made hundreds of years before the event?*

**Dec. 16** - Theme: "Suffering". Read: Luke 24:24-59.

Consider: *What is suffering? Why do we do everything we can to avoid suffering? Why do you think Jesus accepted his mission to be born knowing that he would live a life of suffer?*

**Dec. 17** - Theme: "Selfish". Read: James 4:1-10.

Consider: *What does it mean to be selfish? How have you seen yourself being selfish? How have you repented of being selfish? None of us have fully repented enough of our selfishness. How does the birth of Jesus begin God's rescue of selfish people from themselves?*

**Dec. 18** - Theme: "Inheritance". Read: 1 Peter 1:3-5.

Consider: *What are ways to acquire land? What land would you dream of owning? How are all of the places we could own now struck by sin, sadness, and suffering? How did Jesus' birth begin God's mission to redeem all of creation that the new heaven and earth would be our true promised land-our living hope?*

**Dec. 19** - Theme: "Hope". Read: Romans 5:1-5.

Consider: *What is hope? What are your hopes? How are the things we put our hopes in bound to be disappointing because of sin? How is the story of Jesus' birth the beginning of a story of hope for the hopeless?*

**Dec. 20** - Theme: "Lying." Read: James 1:22-24.

Consider: *What is lying? How does sin cause us to lie, not only to others but to ourselves? What does it mean to deceive oneself? Can you think of times that you have lied to your self in order to convince yourself that you are okay even when you weren't? How does this kind of lying decrease our joy and love for God? How does Jesus' being born encourage you to be honest about your sin and confess your need of forgiveness and righteousness?*

**Dec. 21** - Theme: "Self-Righteousness". Read: Philippians 3:1-11.

Consider: *What is self-righteousness? Can you think of times when you were convinced you could do something on your own and didn't need help and that got you in big trouble? How does Jesus' birth inform all of us that we are not as good as we might assume, that we are unable to help ourselves, and desperately need a savior?*



## Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her  
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,  
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

and  
 sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
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 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## Week 4

### Hymn of the Week: "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

**Dec. 22** - Theme: "Guarantee". Read: Romans 8:18-39.

Consider: *What is a guarantee? Why are guarantees needed today? How does Romans 8 teach us to have faith every day in our God because of what He has already done for us in the birth of Jesus?*

**Dec. 23** - Theme: "Songs". Read Psalm 95; Ephesians 5:18-19; Colossians 3:16.

Consider: *What Christmas songs do you like to sing? How can songs help you remember things? How can they help us remember what makes us happy, sad, laugh, or what we think is important? Why does God think it is important to command his people to sing songs about His Son? What are some reasons our church should sing about Jesus' birth?*

**Dec. 24** - Theme: "Warfare". Read: Ephesians 6:10-20.

Consider: *What is war? How is the Christmas story a redemptive war story? Who is the enemy that defeated our first parents and took us captive? Why did Jesus need to be born in order to set the captives free? How does Ephesians 6 teach us to win because Jesus has already won?*

**Dec. 25** - Theme: "Foolishness". Read: Titus 3:1-11.

Consider: *What does it mean to be a fool? How does our sin making us think we don't need God's word or His help the ultimate foolishness? How is the ultimate Wisdom God's Son being born to become one of us without sin to rescue us from our foolishness?*

**Dec. 26** - Theme: "Sovereignty". Read: Philippians 2:1-11; Mark 10:45.

Consider: *What does sovereignty mean? What are some areas in your life where you notice your sin of seeking sovereignty apart from God? Are you the only one sovereign ruler in the world? How do you feel that the one sovereign ruler of the world, King Jesus, came to earth to be born, not to serve himself, but to serve His people, and capture their hearts, rescuing them from the catastrophe of rebellion and self-sovereignty?*

**Dec. 27** - Theme: "Alive". Read: Galatians 2:19-21.

Consider: *How do you know when something is alive? If we are dead in our sins, are we capable of being or doing what God requires of us? How does the work of redemption, which began at Jesus' birth, make us alive so that we can know, trust, and have power to glorify and enjoy God?*

**Dec. 28** - Theme: "Hunger". Read: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 5:6.

Consider: *What does it mean to be hungry? How do you know you are hungry? What is your favorite food? Your favorite Christmas food? Do you experience spiritual hunger? How does 1 Corinthians 11 help our church to see that Jesus was born to be the bread of life, the satisfaction of our spiritual hunger?*

## Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;  
 3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;

com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.  
 all that well de - served his an - ger he no more will see or heed.  
 bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.  
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 She hath suf - fered man - y a day, now her griefs have passed a - way;  
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 God will change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that his word is nev - er bro - ken.



## Week 5

### Hymn of the Week: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

**Dec. 29** - Theme: "Abundant Life". Read: 2 Peter 1:3-9.

Consider: *What does abundant mean? What would it be like if our life was overflowing with the life that Jesus brings us? How does Jesus' birth assure His church that God will provide every good thing we need until we are finally at home forever with him and with no more sin, sorrow, and death?*

**Dec. 30** - Theme: "Stories". Read: 1 John 3:1-3.

Consider: *What is a story? What is your favorite story? Why is it your favorite story? How does reading and hearing stories help us to make sense of the stories in our own lives? How would you tell the story of your life to someone who had no idea who you were? How does the fact that Jesus was born so that all who believe in him could receive a new identity and become "children of God," fit into your life story?*

**Dec. 31-** Theme: "Disease". Read: 1 John 1.

Consider: *What does it mean to be sick? When we get sicknesses and diseases to whom or to what do we turn for help? What is the diseases that effects all people that required Jesus to be born in order for us to be healed? When you recover from a sickness, do you celebrate? How should our church celebrate the healing we have received from Jesus' birth and work as our healer?*

*Soli Deo Gloria*