

**White Rock Lutheran Church**  
**Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
**December 18, 2022**

*Pastor Leonardo Neitzel Pianist: Martin*

<b>Welcome</b>	<i>Pastor Leonardo Neitzel</i>
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>All Earth is Hopeful</b>
<b>Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness</b>	
<b>Thoughts on the Stable</b>	
<b>Blessing at the Advent Wreath</b>	
<b>Advent Hymn</b>	<b>Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah</b>
<b>Prayer of the Day</b>	
<b>Advent Hymn</b>	<b>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 357</b>
<b>Lessons</b>	<i>Reader: Joan</i>
<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Isaiah 7:10-17</b>
<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Romans 1:1-7</b>
<b>Holy Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 1:18-25</b>
<b>Hymn after the Gospel</b>	<b>Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love 900</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Pastor Leonardo Neitzel</i>
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<b>Offering Prayer</b>	
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b>Benediction</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<b>O Little Town of Bethlehem 361</b>

## **AS WE GATHER**

### **Images of Advent**

Advent is the beginning of the Church Year for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (December 24).

The focus of the entire season of Advent, which means "coming" or "arrival," is the celebration of the birth of Jesus in His first Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ in His Second Advent. Thus, it not only marks a 2,000-year-old event in History, but also celebrates the revelation of God in Christ through which all of creation might be reconciled to God. Scripture readings for Advent reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, while including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life.

As we gather today, we look to God for the peace and light that will strengthen our hearts as we await the return of Christ.

Because Jesus has come among us with the might of His mercy, we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this passing world, may rest in His changeless PEACE.

- 1. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – December 24 @ 4:00 PM** with *Pastor Roland Syens*
- 2. Christmas Day Sunday Service – December 25 @ 10:30 with *Pastor Leonardo Neitzel***  
Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-14

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

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