

God's Guidance

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First-time visitors, please pick up your welcome bag at the connection site in the back of the sanctuary or at our welcome and information desk. Everyone, please write your name on our friendship card.

Fill in your address to receive the newsletter or update your information. On the back, you can put prayer concerns, blessings, or notes to the staff and place in the offering plate. Enjoy the service.

Good morning, everybody. Good morning. Everybody seems half asleep this morning. This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

[1 : 2 9] Let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day. This is the day that the Lord has made.

Shall we pray together? Dear God in heaven, we just pray that your Holy Spirit would descend into this place in a powerful way to lift us up, to help us celebrate you, to help us experience the joy and the wonder of your presence.

Be with us, Lord Jesus. Amen. I'd like to invite you, if you're able, to stand as we're going to sing, O Come All Ye Faithful. Because it disappears once in a while.

And love. Oh come all they have. Amen.

[2 : 3 4] Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ DimaTorzok ■, come ye, O, come ye to Bethlehem Come and behold him, born the King of angels O, come let us adore him O, come let us adore him O, come let us adore him

Rise the Lord True God, oh true God Live from light eternal Lord, he shams not the murdered soul Son of the motherly God did not create O, come let us adore him O, come let us adore him O, come let us adore him Rise the Lord Sing choirs of angels Sing in exultation O, sing all ye sins

Of heaven above Glory to God Glory to God Glory in the highest O, come let us adore him O, come let us adore him O, come let us adore him Rise the Lord The Lord be with you And also with you Please be seated Good morning We're going to invite the Janes family To come up To light the Advent candle This is the word of the Lord From Jeremiah 33, 14 through 16 The days are coming Declares the Lord When I will fulfill the good promise

I made to the people of Israel and Judah In those days and at that time I will make a righteous branch Sprout from David's line And he will do what is just and right in the land In those days Judah will be saved And Jerusalem will live in safety This is the name in which it will be called The Lord, our righteous Savior This is the word of the Lord We have two clipboards today And I'm going to pass one around One side One is for making a donation For communion and bread And the other one is If you would like to make altar flowers Or bulletins So we'll just pass those around And we have a great concern Great joy We have a wonderful Advent play

That's going to happen today At 1015 And I know everybody's going to want to stay And be here to watch the children's pageant I know they've been working very hard And I want to just let everybody know To make sure you stay for that And also Christmas Eve service Yes, please, in your bulletin There are three There are a couple of selections In which service you could come to Now we're not holding you to that But we just kind of want to make sure How many chairs we have for each service So if you're going to come to the morning services And if you're also coming to the evening Just check there Just to let everybody know And besides Advent play Does anybody else have a joy?

[7 : 26] Something that's just sprouting up in you That you just want to share Something amazing Yes Awesome Congratulations Kelsey graduated from college yesterday I had a wonderful opportunity yesterday I was able to stand in the cold For seven hours yesterday To watch the commissioning of the USS Little Rock So it was really awesome to see But very, very cold So that's a joy that I have That I probably will never be able to see again So I'm glad I was able to do that Anybody else?

Okay Well, we're going to get ready for our offering So I'm going to pass this microphone over To a really pretty girl Let's get into a heart Okay, thank you ■■■■■■■■■■
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[60 : 52] Amen. Will those who are serving please come forward. Thank you.

Thank you. Anyone who seeks to have Jesus in their life is welcome at the table.

Whether you belong to our church or not, you're welcome to come and join us. Come to the rail for prayers for healing and anointing or to light a candle. I do want to mention if you have children who are going to be in the Christmas pageant or if you're planning to help with the Christmas pageant, they'd like you to go to the gym right after communion.

If you've got a child who wants to hang an ornament on the tree, come on over and join us in doing that as well. Come and join us with more. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you.

[64 : 32] Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Before we have our closing hymn, I just want to give you a couple quick directions with this play happening in a couple of minutes. First of all, if you're not staying for the play, if you would go out to the left, my left, that way, that would be appreciated because all the kids are coming up that back hallway that way.

[68 : 06] All right. If you're staying, feel free to move into the sanctuary a little closer if you want to. Come and join us. It's going to be a great celebration. We look forward to it. Let's join together if we can in singing, O Little Town of Bethlehem.

If you're able, I'm going to invite you to stand as we sing. O Little Town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee I.

How about the night deep and dreamlessly the silent stars go by? Yet in the dark street shinin' the everlasting light.

The hopes and fears of all the years are left in thee tonight. How silently, how silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given.

Show God in what's to human heart the blessings of his heaven. Now we may hear his calling, but in this world of sin.

[69 : 44] Where these souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in. The holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.

Cast our sin into him, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell.

O come to us, O come to us, O come to us. O come to us, O come to us, O come to us. Our Lord Emmanuel.

One of the most memorable preschool pageants we ever had in our church was when they all got up here and they were acting out the story of Jesus. And Joseph took a look at the crowd out here and said, I'm out of here.

And went and sat with mom and dad for the rest of the play. And the donkey had to take Mary to the stable. Which you could do what you want with that, right? But what a terrible thing that we'd have to replace Joseph with a donkey because he would have bowed out.

[71 : 08] Which is what he almost did. God's got something incredible for your life. Something not only that God intends for your life, but that he intends for others to show his great love and how you can love in this world.

So listen to God. Open up your hearts. Let God pour in and watch amazing, incredible things happen. God's got a story to write for you. Let him write that story. Don't freak out and bow out.

May the Lord be with you and bless you and give you his grace and his peace and his wonder and watch over you in all ways. In Jesus name. Amen.