

## Advent 2025



*Weekly Devotional Handout*  
New Life of Currituck



## Welcome



**W**elcome to the 2025 advent season; a time to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In this special time of year; may we, through our busyness, take the time to both reflect on the arrival of Jesus, along with the hope for what is ahead upon His second arrival!

We often celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and many other accomplishments or milestones in our lives. When we do that, we are remembering three things, What Was, What is, and What is Ahead. So this year, we decided to wrap this thought into our advent. Together let's celebrate, because Jesus came to earth, died and rose again, and today is alive with God. He is preparing a place for us in eternity, to be with Him. May we remember these things as we celebrate **H**OPE, **P**EACE, **L**OVE, and **J**OY, in and through Jesus Christ our Lord, this season.

Join us each week as we go through the Book of Luke and focus on 4 songs surrounding the birth of Jesus. We will focus on the songs of Mary, Zacharias, Simeon and Anna, and the Angels. An advent reading will be released each Monday morning, with our Wednesday word of encouragement tying into the theme for that week as well. As we look at the songs that were sung, not only will we be encouraged through the scripture, but empowered to then take that **H**OPE, **P**EACE, **L**OVE, and **J**OY into our daily lives and practically share it with those around us.

Each week, in your notes, you will find the scripture for our advent reading, with questions and thoughts to reflect on and meditate on during the week. Ask the Lord how you can practically apply these concepts into your daily walk. May this be a time to not just reflect on the Birth of Jesus, but then to celebrate in what that means for us today, and to anticipate the second coming of the Lord.

## Week 1

### Mary / Hope

**Luke 1:46-55**

**The Song of Mary- The Magnificat/Latin for my soul magnifies the Lord**

**46** And Mary said:

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

**47** And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

**48** For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;  
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

**49** For He who is mighty has done great things for me,  
And holy *is* His name.

**50** And His mercy *is* on those who fear Him  
From generation to generation.

**51** He has shown strength with His arm;  
He has scattered *the* proud in the imagination of their hearts.

**52** He has put down the mighty  
from *their* thrones,  
And exalted *the* lowly.

**53** He has filled *the* hungry with good things,  
And *the* rich He has sent away empty.

**54** He has helped His servant Israel,  
In remembrance of *His* mercy,

**55** As He spoke to our fathers,  
To Abraham and to his seed forever.



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## Week 1

### Mary / Hope

#### **This week: Reflect/ Meditate**

- Do you know that you are favored by the Lord?
- Are you believing the lie that there is something in your life that is too impossible for God to do?
- What was the source of Mary's hope? And what is the source of your hope?
- What does it mean to Hope in the Lord?
- What challenges surrounded Mary?
- What truths in God's word do you need to hold onto?
- What does Mary declare in her worship? Where does her worship flow from?

#### **Wednesday Word of Encouragement**

##### **Lamentations 3:21-22**

<sup>21</sup> Yet this I call to mind  
and therefore I have hope:

<sup>22</sup> Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassion never fails.

**Apply it:** Reflect on His character, reflect on His faithfulness in your life and the promises He has kept in your life. Share God's faithfulness with someone. Worship Him with a heart like Mary.

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## Week 2

### Zacharias / Peace

**Luke 1:67-80**

#### **Zacharias Prophecy**

**67** Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

**68** "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,

For He has visited and redeemed His people,

**69** And has raised up a horn of salvation for us

In the house of His servant David,

**70** As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,

Who *have been* since the world began,

**71** That we should be saved from our enemies

And from the hand of all who hate us,

**72** To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers

And to remember His holy covenant,

**73** The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:

**74** To grant us that we,

Being delivered from the hand of our enemies,

Might serve Him without fear,

**75** In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

**76** "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest;

For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,

**77** To give knowledge of salvation to His people

By the remission of their sins,

**78** Through the tender mercy of our God,

With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;

**79** To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,

To guide our feet into the way of peace."

**80** So the child grew and became strong in spirit and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.



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## Week 2

### Zacharias / Peace

#### **This week: Reflect/Meditate**

- Why do you think doubt creeps in even when Zacharias had the promise?
- What are you doubting about the Lord or that God can do in your life?
- What would it have been like for him not to speak for so many months, or to speak about peace in his life?
- Will you ask the Lord to take your doubt and give you His peace instead?
- What was the first thing out of Zacharias mouth? and when was he able to speak?
- Do you have the gospel shoes of peace on?

#### **Wednesday Word of Encouragement**

##### **Isaiah 32:17**

<sup>17</sup> The fruit of that righteousness will be peace;  
its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.

**Apply it:** Allow God to turn your doubts into Peace and remember that God does exceedingly greater than we could expect. Put on your shoes of peace

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## Week 3

### Simeon and Anna / Love

#### Luke 2:29-38

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,

<sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of  
all nations:

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel."



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## Week 3

### Simeon and Anna / Love

#### **This week: Reflect/Meditate**

- Are you seeing the Love and Faithfulness of God in your life, and in what areas?
- What promises from the Lord are you waiting for today?
- Do you prophesy/testify to the Goodness of God? How are you testifying and sharing His love, salvation, goodness, and redemption to others?
- Are you living in a way that each day the Lord may return?

#### **Wednesday Word of Encouragement**

##### **Jeremiah 31:3**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD appeared to us in the past,<sup>[a]</sup> saying:

"I have loved you with an everlasting love;

I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

**Apply it:** Share the Love of Jesus to ALL and may we live in a way which anticipates the coming of the Lord.

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## Week 4

### The Angels / Joy

#### Luke 2:13-14

**12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

**13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

**14** "Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

**Rev-5: 8** Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

**9** And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll,

And to open its seals;

For You were slain,

And have redeemed us to God by Your blood

Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

**10** And have made us kings and priests to our God;

And we shall reign on the earth."

**11** Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

**12** saying with a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

To receive power and riches and wisdom,

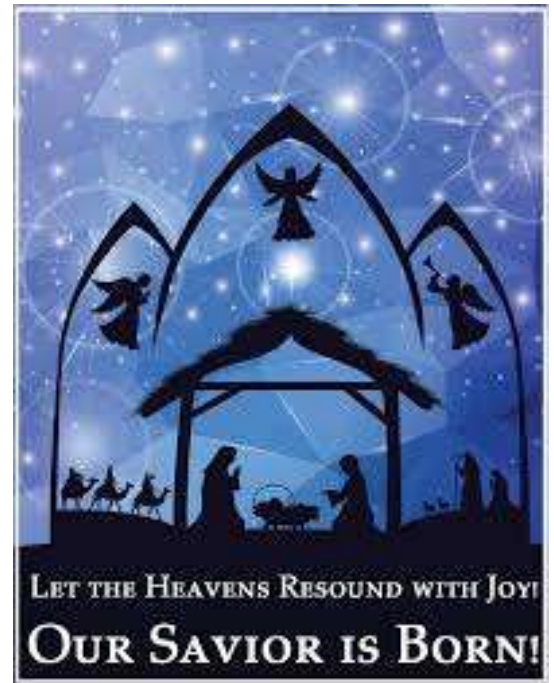
And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

**13** And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

"Blessing and honor and glory and power

Be to Him who sits on the throne,

And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"



## Week 4

### The Angels / Joy

#### **This week: Reflect/Meditate**

- What was the purpose of the angels that night?
- Where else do Angels sing praise in scripture?
- What is your joy based on, your situation or in Christ?
- What song of joy do you need to sing this week?
- What praise do you need to declare?

#### **Wednesday Word of Encouragement**

##### **Jeremiah 31:13**

<sup>13</sup> "Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance,  
And the young men and the old, together;  
For I will turn their mourning to joy,  
Will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow.

**Apply it:** Share the joy of the Lord with someone this week. Tell the World that there is a Savior with open arms waiting for them, and that He is coming back again!

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*Heavenly Father,  
We pray that your blessings would  
abound to us this Christmas  
season and have our hearts grow  
closer to your son. May we go out into the  
world and proclaim the HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE  
that we have in Jesus.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen!*