

PRAY

1. Leaders in worship: Pastor Brad Martin Barry Braman, & Josh Strother.
2. The Holy Spirit will move in our corporate worship gathering, leading us to exalt Jesus Christ.
3. Shady Oaks Baptist Church will grow in Christ-exalting, Gospel-advancing ministry in 2017.
4. Pray that God will move on us to be more evangelistic through our obedience in sharing the Gospel.

PREPARING FOR THE MESSAGE

The Peace Of Advent . Micah 5:2-5

Come prepared to worship!

This Sunday Pastor Brad will deliver our third message in our Advent Sermon Series. This series will help you experience the Christmas season in a deeper way. It is designed to help you connect Life Groups, Corporate Worship, and your Home Life with the coming of Jesus. We will center our study on four aspects that Jesus' coming brought to the world: Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love.

We believe that Advent is the antidote to a hurried holiday. As a church family, let's take a slow walk to the manger together.

Lighting the Advent Candle

Praise & Worship

It's Christmas

Scripture Reading

Hark! The Herald

Angels Sing

Come Behold The

Wondrous Mystery

Offertory Prayer

Sermon

Time of Response

**It's Christmas
Chris Tomlin**

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down
His sweet head, the stars in the sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying
He makes, I love Thee Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky and stay
By my cradle til morning is nigh

It's Christmas!
The angels are singing
And I know the reason
The Savior is born
It's Christmas!
The bells are ringing
And I feel like shouting
Joy to the world!

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in
Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with Thee there

**Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery
Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker**

Lyrics:

VERSE 1
Come behold the wondrous mystery
in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises
robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness
now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended
took on flesh to ransom us

VERSE 2
Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering
never trace nor stain of sin.

See the true and better Adam
come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
of the law; in Him we stand.

VERSE 3
Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory.

See the price of our redemption;
see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory
grace unmeasured, love untold.

VERSE 4
Come behold the wondrous mystery;
slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him;
praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance;
how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected
as we will be when he comes.

Life Giving Truth: Jesus Is The Key To Real Peace**Truth: Jesus Came To Glorify God**

Response: In Micah 5:2, the prophet Micah tells us that out of Bethlehem (House of Bread) Ephrathah (Fruitful One) the Lord Jesus Christ came forth for the glory of God.

This Christmas let us be reminded that Jesus didn't come solely to save you from your sins, but He came first and foremost to glorify God. Our salvation is so that God would receive all the glory. As Christians we are to live our regenerate lives for Christ to reflect the glory of God in all that we do. May our lives be lived in a way that points to the Glory of God!

Truth: Jesus Came To Rule In Your Life

Response: The word ruler means that Jesus is the one who is in charge, the one who is calling all the shots. As we worship Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we come to Him as servants. Therefore, when you are reading spending time worshiping King Jesus, respond to Him in humble obedience. Obeying King Jesus gives evidence that we know Christ and are in a relationship with Him. We are saved by God's grace alone, in Christ alone, through faith alone and there will be clear evidence that you are saved when you give up control of your life to Jesus as Lord. This means that He rules and reigns in your life not just on Sunday, but every day of the week. If Christ is your Savior, then He must be the Lord of your life. You cannot have one without the other. This Christmas, let's be reminded that it is all about the Lordship of Jesus in your life.

Truth: Jesus Came To Give You Confidence

Response: Jesus' coming as the Incarnation is one from of old, from ancient days. This tells us that Jesus has always existed from the beginning of time and He is the real King from everlasting to everlasting. When we live our lives for Him this gives us great confidence because He will never fail or fall. He was, and is, and will forever be the King. When you experience difficulty we don't have to fear. We can have hope that the King we live for has lived forever.

Truth: Jesus Came To Provide Security

Response: King Jesus is the Shepherd of His sheep, and we are His sheep that He protects, secures us in the strength of the Lord. This week think about all the times when King Jesus protected you. This Christmas, if you are struggling, be reminded that Jesus is standing before you, shepherding you, protecting you in whatever you're going through in a strength that is founded in the name that is above all names.

Truth: Jesus Came To Be Your Peace

Response: In the midst of conflict, He is our peace. The Prince of Peace will deliver you. He not only saves you, but He sustains you. Spend time this week resting in His peace. Slow down long enough to experience His life giving peace.

FAMILY RESPONSE**The Peace Of Advent . Micah 5:2-5**

Like most families this time of year you are busy! There is still Christmas parties to attend, presents to buy, and traveling to visit family. This all part of the season, but it doesn't have to be the only part. The Peace of Advent can and should be a major part of your Christmas experience. This week as your children are home from school, spend time together as a family around the dinner table and talk about how peace can enter your home. Ask each other how you can pray for one another. Spend time together in God's Word, singing Christmas carols, by the lights of the Christmas tree and enjoy the peace that comes from Jesus Christ this Christmas.