

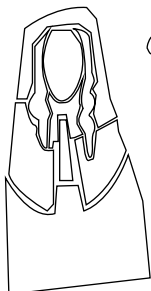
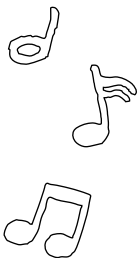
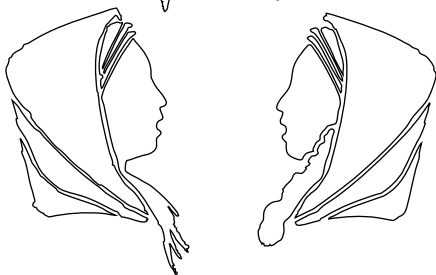
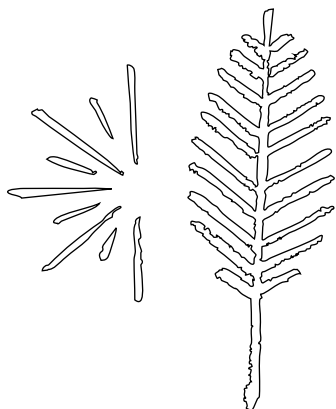
THE VOICES OF CHRISTMAS

2025 Advent Devotional





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The Voices of Christmas

ADVENT 2025

Advent is the season when God's voice echoes in unexpected ways. In the Christmas story, God speaks through prophets, angels, mothers, heavenly choirs, and witnesses whose joy cannot be contained. These voices span centuries and settings, but together, they proclaim one truth: Emmanuel has come. God is with us.



This devotional invites you to hear these voices and discover how God is still speaking today in Scripture, in worship, and through God's people. Each week, you're invited to listen to a short, imaginative, first-person reading of the Scripture passage, accompanied by artwork that brings the characters and scenes to life. Each week also includes an optional practice that can be done any time during the week, offering a chance to carry the season's reflection into everyday life.

As you engage with Scripture, art, and reflection, may you hear God's voice in fresh ways, and may your own voice join the chorus of hope, peace, and joy this Advent.

A special thanks to Scott, Pam, Peter, and Amy Beth Nolte for narrating our imaginative readings.

Christmas Events Calendar

You are invited!

December 13 | 7PM | Bethany Green Lake

Christmas Concert



December 21 | 7PM | Bethany Green Lake

The Longest Night

December 24 | various service times
on the link below

Christmas Eve



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WEEK 1: November 30



The Prophetic Voice

God Speaks Hope Into Waiting Hearts

TEXT: ISAIAH 40:1-11



LISTEN

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PRAYER

God of promise, may your Spirit fill us with hope as we wait for your coming. Come, Emmanuel, and let our lives echo with songs of comfort and anticipation.

PRACTICE

Reflect on one word that describes how you want to welcome Jesus into your life this season (like peace, joy, courage, or openness). Make a paper star, write your word on it, and hang it somewhere you'll see it every day.



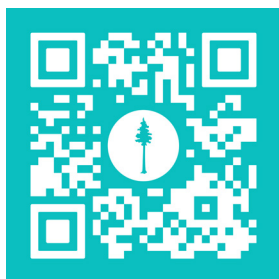
WEEK 2: December 7



The Angel's Voice

God Sends Messengers to Announce His Plan

TEXT: Luke 1:26-38



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PRAYER

God of revelation, may your Spirit fill us with courage to respond to your message. Come, Emmanuel, and let our lives echo with songs of obedience and trust.

PRACTICE

Each morning, ask God to show one way your day might be interrupted for good. Throughout the day, notice unexpected moments (like an unplanned conversation, a change in plans, or a new challenge), and respond with openness, patience, or generosity, treating them as holy opportunities.



*Peace
to All*



WEEK 3: December 14

The Mother's Voice

God's Faithfulness Inspires Songs of Praise

TEXT: Luke 1:39-55



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PRAYER

God of tenderness and care, may your Spirit fill us with gratitude for your steadfast love. Come, Emmanuel, and let our lives echo with songs of joy and praise.

PRACTICE

Listen to a favorite Christmas carol or worship song. Reflect on the words and how they remind you of God's goodness and fill you with joy, just as Mary's heart overflowed. Sing along, even if you're off-key, as an expression of your own praise.



Comfort
and Joy

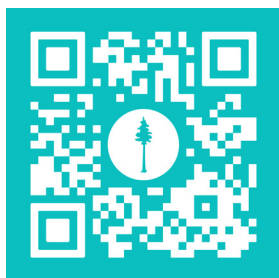
WEEK 4: December 21

The Heavenly Voice



Heaven's Song Proclaims Peace on Earth

TEXT: Luke 2:8-14



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PRAYER

God of Heavenly Hosts, may your Spirit fill us with peace even as we stand in awe in your glory. Come, Emmanuel, and let our lives echo with songs of humility and love.

PRACTICE

Take a short walk and pray for peace for the places and people you pass (neighbors, school, workplace, or others). Notice where God's presence is already at work, and pause to ask Him to bring peace to places or people in need.



Christmas Eve: December 24



The Witnessing Voice

Good News Can't Be Kept Quiet

TEXT: Luke 2:15-20



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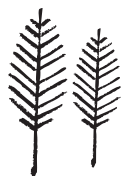
God of light, may your Spirit fill us with the good news of great joy for the whole world. Come, Emmanuel, and let our lives echo with songs of witness and wonder.

PRACTICE

Light a candle or turn on a small light in your window as a symbol of Christ coming into the world. Take a moment to pray that others might encounter His light tonight.



Week 5: December 28



The Persevering Voice



Perseverance in Hope Prepares Us to
Recognize Christ When He Comes

TEXT: Luke 2:22-38



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PRAYER

God of hope, may your Spirit fill us with patience and readiness
as we anticipate your return. Come, Emmanuel, and let our
lives echo with songs of enduring faith and steadfast love.

PRACTICE

Reflect on three ways you've seen God's faithfulness or
answered prayers in your life. Write them down or say them
aloud, and pause to thank God for each one, letting them
strengthen your hope as you wait for Christ. Share one of
more of them with a friend, family member, or your small
group this week.





