

# Coming up @ **TWIN CITIES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVE OPS**  
SERVE OTHERS ON  
CHRISTMAS EVE!

**YEAR-END GIFT**  
CELEBRATING GOD'S  
FAITHFULNESS!

**READ THE BIBLE WITH US**  
JUMP IN!

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS  
CAROLING**  
TODAY!

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**  
WEDNESDAY, December 24

**FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE**  
SUNDAY, January 11



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# Connect with a **LIFE GROUP**

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*Let's be the Church together!*



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**MARK HADLEY • 12/21/25**  
Unwrapping Advent

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**MATTHEW 1:20-23; JOHN 1:1-4,14;  
COLOSSIANS 1:15-17, 2:9**

- The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming" or "arrival."
- Could Advent help us make this season more about the Savior?
- Advent has been a way for Christians to say, "We are waiting. We are expectant. We are preparing."

Open to continue taking notes!



## Ways to Practice Advent:

- Use the Advent wreath purposefully.
- Use Advent calendars to focus on Jesus, not consumerism.
- Lean into the nativity story.
- Incorporate Scripture and worship intentionally.
- Practice waiting with expectancy.
- Serve and give generously.

## In This Season, We Remember Two Powerful Truths:

- Jesus has come — and Jesus will come again.



*For group discussion the week of December 21*

**This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join a Life Group and do this study together!**

1. Thinking back over past Christmas seasons, what is one tradition or moment that made you feel closest to Jesus — or maybe farthest from Him?
2. This week's message was *Unwrapping Advent*. Let's read Matthew 1:20b-23. Was there a part of the message that stood out to you, or that God called your attention to?
3. Let's read John 1:1-14. What do you notice about how Jesus being "God with us" changes the way we see Christmas — and our everyday lives?"
4. Now let's look at Colossians 1:15-17 and Colossians 2:9. What do these verses show us about God's love, His initiative to come close to us, and His desire to be present in our lives?
5. The message talked about how busy, stressful, or even sad the Christmas season can be. Where do you feel that tension most in your life, and how does the reality of "God with us" speak into that space?
6. Which one Advent practice (wreath, calendar, nativity, Scripture reading, acts of service, or intentional waiting) you could try this week to help your heart focus more on Jesus? How will you make space to do it?
7. How can we pray for you this week as you live in the waiting and hope of Advent? Is there any burden or stress from the season that you want us to lift up together?

**NEXT WEEK:**  
Remembering 2025

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