

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

A Witness to His Coming

Children's Choir

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude Welcome

WE PRAISE & THANK GOD

Call to Worship – *There Was a Little Baby* Advent Liturgy

#87 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1, 2 & 3)

Confession of Sin Affirmation of Forgiveness Psalm 130:3-4

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Offertory – The Holy Child will Come

Prayers of the People Paul Reader

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Micah 5:2

#118 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

Scripture Reading

Message Rev. Keith Fink

Mary

Luke 1:26-37, 2:1-7, 19

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

My Soul Magnifies the Lord Benediction Postlude

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1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

UNISON: O that birth forever blessed

When the virgin, full of grace By the Holy Spirit conceiving Bore the Savior of our race

And the Babe, the world's Redeemer

First revealed His sacred face,

Evermore and evermore.

~Hymn #90

Leader: Before Jesus' birth, an angel announced God's plan to Mary, who set aside her own dreams

for her life and opened the door of her heart to God's voice. We too can experience the wonder

of the Son of God's coming by opening our hearts to what God has in store.

Lighter: We light this candle on the first Sunday in Advent to celebrate Mary's joy in the opening of her

heart to God's purpose for her life.

UNISON: The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most

High will overshadow you so the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."

~Luke 31:35-18

A Witness to His Coming: (Mind the Gap) Mary

Luke 1:26-37, 2:1-7, 19

Question: Do we mind the gaps of greatest significance in our life?

- I. The Seemingly Unbelievable Announcement (Lk. 1:26-37)
- II. The Seemingly Unbelievable Fulfillment (Lk. 2:1-7,19)

III. The Seemingly Unbelievable Gap We face

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (Jn.3:16).

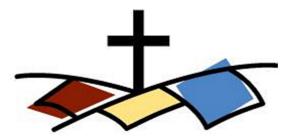
God made him who had not sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor. 5:21)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:38-39)

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raise him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom. 10:9)

Point to Ponder: Have I minded the gap between life and death, between me and God? If not, would you be willing to consider that with someone who has?

Next Week: We will continue our Advent Sermon Series – *A Witness to His Coming* - by considering **Luke 2:8-18**, **20** 'Shepherds and Angels.'



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