

Luke 2 1.7 He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Exegesis (Background)

1. Luke places Jesus on the stage of _____ history.
2. Jesus is born in the _____ room.
3. Luke contrasts Jesus with the _____.

Life Application

Jesus is the king of _____.

Make Jesus Lord of _____ in your life.

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Order of Worship

Striving to be what Christ tells us through Scripture.

December 15, 2024 *3rd Sunday in Advent* 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Diana Mase, piano

WELCOME

Our Approach to God

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 82

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!

People: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. Prosperity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

*HYMN *"Majesty"* #10

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Sunday School

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

People: WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TO NURTURE THIS LIGHT, AND REJOICE TO FIND GOD WORKING WITH US.

Leader: In the dawn of God's love, we rejoice in the work God gives us to do.

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Leader: As we celebrate the growing brightness, we are energized for the tasks before us, and we remember the words of the psalmist:

ALL: THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US, AND WE REJOICE. THOSE WHO GO OUT WEeping SHALL COME HOME WITH SHOUTS OF JOY, CARRYING THE HARVEST.

Light the pink candle.

Leader: The candle we light today glows with the joy of our partnership with God through Jesus Christ who said, "I am the Light of the world."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Waldis

CHANCEL CHOIR

"A Cradle Waits"

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word of God

*HYMN *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* #240

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2-4 p. 865 (OT)
 Luke 2:1-7 p. 58 (NT)
 Justin Johnson, liturgist

SERMON *"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"* Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* #245

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Diana Mase, piano

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Wini Kinkele; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Charles Moorman; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian; Barry Wood.

UNITY PRAYER: Heavenly Father, during this Advent season may you prepare our hearts for the joy that comes from knowing your love as we rejoice in the good news of salvation with the birth of Christ, our Savior.

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USHERS AND GREETERS are needed for December 22 and 24 at 11 PM. Please sign up in the narthex.

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Monday	7:45	Bell Choir
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Thursday	7:30	Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 22, 2024 – 4th Sunday in Advent

Christmas Musicales

9:00 Chancel Choir
10:00 – Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Christmas Candlelight Services at 7 and 11 PM

Sunday, December 29 10 AM—Worship

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