

# Serenity Ministries presents

a Recovery Worship way to make

## Preparations for Christmas!



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**Sunday December 5:** Attend worship  
Attend **Carols in the Chapel @ 6:00 PM**

**Monday** December 6: Pray an Advent Prayer. "God of Israel, with expectant hearts we your people await Christ's coming. As once he came in humility, so now may he come in glory, that he may make all things perfect in your everlasting kingdom. For he is Lord forever and ever. Amen."

**Tuesday** December 7: Consider the words of the first stanza of the Advent hymn, Come Thou Long Expected Jesus:

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy  
people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest  
in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

You can listen to a version of it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vRAFQCokjgE>

**Wednesday** December 8: Listen to a Christmas Carol **Mary Did You Know**. Mark Lowry and Voctave <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaRpeMT1tjQ> or another of your choice

**Thursday** December 9: From the prophets read [Isaiah 9:2-7](#)

**Friday** December 10: Read of Mary and the Angel, [Luke 1:26-38](#)

**Saturday** December 11: Preparation for Sunday, read [Isaiah 12:2-6](#)

**Sunday December 12:** Attend Worship @ 10:30AM and/or 6:00 PM

**Monday** December 13: Pray an Advent Prayer. "Eternal God, with your grace you made all times in history a preparation for the kingdom of your son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."



**Tuesday** December 14: Read "An Advent Psalm" by Edward Hayes

Awaken, my heart, God's reign is near; the Peaceable Kingdom is in my hands.  
If the wolf can be the guest of the lamb, and the bear and cow be friends, then  
no injury or hate can be a guest within the kingdom of my heart.  
Eden's peace and harmony will only return when first, in my heart, there hides no  
harm or ruin, for the Peaceable Kingdom is in my hands.  
Isaiah's dream became Jesus' vision: "Come, follow me," Emmanuel's echo rings.  
"Reform your life, recover Eden's peace," for only then will salvation appear.  
For Advent's dream is the healing of Earth, when the eagle and bear become  
friends, the child and the serpent playmates.  
Arise, awaken, my heart, the Peaceable Kingdom is in your hands.

**Wednesday** December 15: Listen to a Christmas Carol, **Joy to the World** Hillsong  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDAUPz2RohU> or one of your choice

**Thursday** December 16: From the prophets read [Isaiah 11:1-9](#)

**Friday** December 17: Read of Mary's visit with Elizabeth, [Luke 1:39-45](#)

**Saturday** December 18: Preparation for Sunday, read [Micah 5:2-5](#) and [Luke 1:39-45](#)

**Sunday December 19:** Attend Worship @ 10:30AM and/or 6:00 PM

**Monday** December 20: Pray an Advent Prayer. "Holy God, the mystery of your eternal Word took flesh among us in Jesus Christ. At the message of an angel, the virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Filled with the light of your Spirit, she carried your Son Jesus. Strengthen us by the example of her humility, that we may always be ready to do your will, and welcome into our lives Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

**Tuesday** December 21: Consider Mary's response to her visit with the angel by reading [Luke 1:46-55](#)

**Wednesday** December 22: Listen to a Christmas Carol **Noel** – Chris Tomlin and Lauren Daigle [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-dGh5E\\_AQw&t=11s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-dGh5E_AQw&t=11s) or one of your choice

**Thursday** December 23: The birth of Jesus in Luke.  
[Read Luke 2:1-20](#)

**Friday** December 24: Attend Christmas Eve Worship  
@ 3:00 (Pastor John is present and preaching)  
or 5:00 PM (Pastor Ryan is preaching)

**Saturday** December 25: The birth of Jesus, read  
[Matthew 2:1-11](#)

