

# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Simeon's Song, Luke 2:29-32 -  
Bradley Bell

December 22, 2019

The Songs of Advent

## ***Go Tell It On The Mountain***

### **Call to Worship - Distributed Member (video)**

Advent is season in which we look back upon the incarnation of Jesus Christ, and look forward to his second coming. We worship him, and we wait for him.

The lighting of Advent candles symbolizes the growing expectation we have for the coming of Christ, the light of the world. Before we light today's candle, hear the word of the Lord from the prophet Isaiah:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone...And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them...It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth...Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Isaiah 9:2; 42:16; 49:6; 58:8

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Church, may you worship today with great joy and anticipation.

## ***Joy To The World***

### **Confession - Worship Team**

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 130:5-8 —

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;  
6 my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.  
7 O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Church, what is our hope in this morning? What's the thing we couldn't do without this season? Do you live in light of the truth that Christ has come and will one day come again? Take a moment now and ask the Lord to search your heart, shining light in the darkness.

Lord of hope, as night workers long for the sunrise, we long for the coming of Christ. In our worship today we yearn for your Spirit to give us a glimpse of your glory, that one day we will see in full, when all will be made new through Christ, our Lord, our light. Amen. (Worship Source Book, p. 431)

## ***O Come All Ye Faithful***

### **Giving - Worship Team**

Church, in this season of gift-giving it's important for us not to forget God's mission through our church. That's why we've put before you three giving opportunities:

- 1) Toward our 2020 Missionary Care Trip
- 2) Toward our 2020 Youth Mission Trip
- 3) Toward the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

If you would like to give to any of these initiatives above and beyond your regular monthly giving, you can write a check to Antioch Church and designate the initiative on the memo.

## ***Come Thou Long Expected Jesus***

### **Posturing Prayer - Worship Team**

### **Pastoral Prayer - Patrick Roosa**

### **Sermon - Simeon's Song, Luke 2:29-32 - Bradley Bell**

### **Communion - Bradley Bell**

## ***Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery***

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## **Assurance - Worship Team**

Isaiah 25:9 - It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

## ***Go Tell It On The Mountain***

## **Announcements & Benediction - Trey Moss**

Thank you for gathering with us today! Know that this was only a taste of the life of the church here at Antioch. Join us soon at one of our Family Groups where we truly seek to live out the Christian life together. If you filled out a visitor card today please give it to anyone with a lanyard or simply leave it in your chair if that's more comfortable for you. Just a couple of announcements before we go:

- 1) Advent Giving - Just a reminder about our three Advent giving initiatives as December comes to a close:
  - Missionary Care Trip
  - Youth Mission Trip
  - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

- 2) Christmas Eve Gathering - On Christmas Eve we will be having a short gathering from 6:30-7:30pm with simply Scripture, songs, and candlelight. If you're in town please come with family, friends, and neighbors.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we close with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(Congregation) We are sent.

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