

MESSAGE OUTLINE

December 1, 2024

The Light Shines in the Darkness

1. In the Beginning Was the Word

John 1:1-2 (NIV)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning.

Advent, Adventus, Arrival

"The first day of Advent is our Christian New Year's Day...we begin our Christian year in waiting. The word *advent* derives from the Latin *adventus*, which means 'coming'. The liturgical season of Advent is the time in which we prepare for and look forward to the coming of Christ." –Tish Harrison Warren, Advent: The Season of Hope

"The whole purpose of Advent is to be for a moment fully and consciously *Before Christ*." -Malcolm Guite

In the Beginning

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." Genesis 1:1-2

The Word was God

"And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light." (Genesis 1:3)

Waiting with Hope

"Advent collapses time. The past, present, and future join together in a single season of waiting for Immanuel, God With Us." -Tish Harrison Warren, Advent: The Season of Hope

NOTES:

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 8, 2024

Join us for inspiring music and scriptures to mark the beginning of the Advent season as we look forward to the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

9:00AM and 11:00AM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

December 24, 2024

Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us in the Sanctuary, Patio and Online!

3:00PM, 5:00PM and 7:00PM