



Order of Worship 3 December 2023 First Sunday of Advent

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Advent Reading/Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon Series: Seated Sermon: "Take a Seat"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life/Gossiping the Good Stuff Doxology Blessing and Sending

> *Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen*



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Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



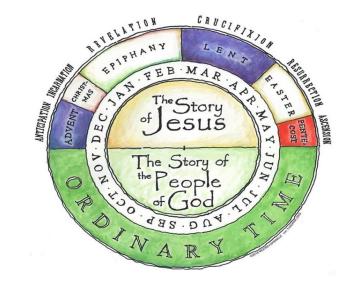
- 1. What did you connect with the most in this Scripture and message?
- 2. How would you describe where you are "seated" as we begin Advent? What are your circumstances? How would you describe your relationship with God?
- 3. What would it look like to sit close to Jesus' light in the midst of darkness?
- 4. When have you experienced Jesus' joy in the midst of a difficult season or trial?
- 5. If you were honest, what is keeping you captive? Do you seek Jesus' liberation and the risk involved in becoming free?
- 6. Who or what would you say leads your life and decisions right now? What voices are you listening to that might require some distance or silence? How can you become intentional about sitting with and listening to Jesus this Advent?



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email *pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org* or call 717-774-6444

Seated "Take a Seat" Pastor Kris Beckert

____ marks the beginning of the Christian calendar



John 1:14. The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. (MSG)

The Prophecy of Isaiah:

- Isaiah lived _____ years before Jesus' birth
- Israel had been conquered by the
 Empire
- Isaiah was a ______ sent by God

• His prophecy encouraged and corrected them then but also foretold the coming of

Isaiah 9:1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan...

| Where we | determines what we | |
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1. I can sit close to Jesus' _____ in the midst of _____

Isaiah 9:2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

2. I can sit in Jesus' _____ in the midst of _____

Isaiah 9:3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

3. I can sit with Jesus as my ______ in the midst of _____ Isaiah 9:4-5 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

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Isaiah 9:6-7 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

Big Idea: _____