

LIVING INTO GOD'S GREAT STORY

# JOSEPH

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP | ADVENT 2021



DECEMBER 5TH @ 9:30AM  
GREAT HALL AND ONLINE

## WELCOME, FRIENDS

Together we are seeking a way of living faith that speaks to the real of our lives and those of the world around us. This means we gather around deep themes of the Christian faith, aiming to integrate them into the rest of our lives and being: from popular music that speaks to the human experience, to current events and politics, to your life and relationships.

And we do this because we believe that God is already speaking in all those places...if we're ready to listen.

Together we seek to live into the new thing while following in the rhythms of the God of love.

"Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife..."

- MATTHEW 1:18-22, 24 (NRSV)

# MORNING INVITATIONS

## SETTING THE TABLE - PRAYER | MARK PATRICK

### SONG #1: LEAN ON ME (BILL WITHERS) | BAND

Lyrics: "So, just call on me, when you need a hand; We all need somebody to lean on. I just might have a problem, that you'd understand; We all need somebody to lean on."

Note: In holding space for one another there is both the work of articulating our needs but also the work of being able to hear and receive needs and honor them when shared. Doing both is important if we are going to truly see and honor one another.

Wonder: What does it look like to share each other's load?

## ADVENT WREATH & GOD'S GARDEN | ALL OF US

### BREATHE IN | MARK PATRICK

"Imagine yourself as Joseph. What might you be thinking? What might you be feeling? What might you be considering?"

### SONG #2- AND WE REMAIN (JOHNNYSWIM) | BAND

Lyrics: "So let it burn, let the fire take what it may | It'll turn to ash if it's meant to and we'll be okay | Let it go, let the moon surrender and wane | Long as the altar holds what it's meant to."

Note: Joseph moved into a deeply vulnerable place through his turning to Mary and solidarity with her. This song speaks of that kind of vulnerable turning and discovering the beauty that we remain through these times.

Wonder: When/if/how might you open yourself up more vulnerably to risk and discover new ways of being human and joining in partnership with God's healing and humanizing work in the world?

**JOSEPH: LIVING INTO GOD'S GREAT STORY | SARA WG**

**CES INTERVIEW W/ MIKE LLOYD (EXEC. DIRECTOR)**

**BREATHE OUT | COMMUNION | MARK PATRICK**

**SONG #3- THE FIRST NOEL (TRADITIONAL VERSION) | BAND**

Lyrics: "Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel!"

Note: The word Noel is from the Latin word natalis, dealing with birth or birthday and has a close association with the word natal. How cool to think about this song as a celebration of birth, birth, birth!

Wonder: What if Joseph had refused to open himself? How can we be people who both live and sing and offer space for more Noels to be sung and lived in the world?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & FINAL THOUGHTS | SARA WG**

December 5 Special Church Meeting- Notice is hereby given that a Special Church Meeting, called by the Colonial Church Council, will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 11 a.m. in the Meetinghouse at Colonial Church.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the following: ARTICLE I -NAME of the By-laws is hereby amended to read as follows The name of this Church shall be Meetinghouse Church. - Paige Didora, Council Secretary

Band: Sesay, Damon Kalar, Paige Latham Didora, Haley Larson  
A/V: Kale Larson, Josh Steinke, Patrick Smalley, Aidan Thompson  
Others: Megan Nutting, Michele Steinke, Jane Steinke, and YOU!

# A FEW NOTES & PRAYERS

**Welcome, Beloved.** We'd love to meet you, please fill out the sign up at your table so we can be in touch.

**Christmas Festival:** Next Saturday (December 11th) from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Featuring live music, a photo booth, Christmas Trivia, crafts, hearty food, warm drinks, a Cotton Candy Station and a sneak peek of our Family Christmas Eve Service!

**Faith & Family:** This Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30pm in Gathering Rooms 2 & 3. We learn to survive the holidays as families. But can we thrive in them too? Join Jeff & Tami Lindsay as they talk about how to inhabit the joy of the Advent + Christmas season.

**12 Days of Giving:** Visit [colonialchurch.org/story](http://colonialchurch.org/story) to sign up to receive a daily email with ways for us to serve our partners.

**CES Food Drive:** Our December mission partner highlight is Community Emergency Service, a longtime partner on a mission to share resources and serve neighbors. We're hosting a food drive throughout December, learn more by visiting [colonialchurch.org/mission](http://colonialchurch.org/mission).

**Advent Class:** December 12th & 19th from 11am - 12:pm in the Great Hall. Join us as, we will explore themes of God's arrival showing up in all kinds of unexpected places (Led by Dr. Erik Leafblad).

**Advent Organ Reflections:** Continues this Wednesday, December 8th from 5:00 - 5:30pm featuring historic Advent and Christmas hymns.

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**PRAYERS OF HEALING** for Polly Patrick, Alli Zomer, Berrie Lounsberry, Cathy Gustafson, Bob Gubrud, Linda Stenseth, Willard Hunnewell, Dave Getsch, Tom Smullen, Anne Bulington, LaVerne Wheeler, Dick Cronstrom.

**PRAYERS OF COMFORT** for the family of Pam Feldt.

**MISSION MINISTRY PARTNER OF THE MONTH** is Community Emergency Service (CES). Please pray for CES throughout the month.