

# “HIS NAME IS JESUS”

## **CELEBRATING ADVENT AT HOME**

With the uncertainty that COVID is bringing upon all of us, we decided not to have mid-week Advent services or an in-person Living Nativity. Instead we are providing an Online Nativity for families and friends to meditate on this Christmas season.

## **FOUR VIDEO DEVOTIONALS**

Our team has been filming four five-minute scenes depicting the Christmas account. They will be combined with a short devotion by one of our pastors, a prayer, and then close with a song. We encourage you to use an advent wreath in your home, lighting a candle each week and then watching the devotion with anyone who is in your household. The entire devotion will last about 20 minutes. One will be released each week:

### **ADVENT 1 – RELEASED NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

At the beginning of his ministry, Isaiah saw a vision of angels surrounding the throne of God. He was filled with fear. “Woe to me! I am ruined! I am a man of unclean lips.” How can the Holy One of Israel accept a sinner like Isaiah or like us? Isaiah searched his own prophecies to understand this gospel mystery.

### **ADVENT 2 – RELEASED DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

“It would take an angel...” Wouldn’t that be your thought when your fiancé tells you she is pregnant in a miraculous way? Joseph was forgiving. He didn’t want Mary to suffer harm; but he couldn’t marry her. It would take an angel to change his mind.

### **ADVENT 3 – RELEASED DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Isaiah had seen the glory of the Lord. The glory of the Lord appeared again when Isaiah’s prophecies were fulfilled. From the midst of that glory, an angel announced to shepherds that their Savior was born. Join with the shepherds and run to see what the angel announced to them.

### **ADVENT 4 – RELEASED DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

An angel tells a young girl who is about to become pregnant out of wedlock that she is “highly favored” and that the whole world will call her “blessed.” It seems impossible, but Mary trusts that not one word from God will fail.

### **CHRISTMAS VIDEO – RELEASED DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

To help you celebrate Christmas, the four devotions will be released as a mini movie and the newly written “Nativity Song” will be shared to celebrate the story of the birth of our Savior.