

Family Worship
Week of November 23, 2025

Instruction: Whatever time of day works best each day for you or your family, use the prompts below to spend a few minutes together in prayer and the Word. Open and close each session with a simple prayer. Use the questions for meditation or discussion.

Sermon Meditations: The Advent of the King

Monday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 12:12-19
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's first point was "What kind of king is He?" After being anointed by Mary, Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem. The people hear of his coming and wave palm branches and welcome him as a king. They have longed for the throne of David to have a king and the most pressing issue for them is the Roman occupation. They say Hosanna, which means "God save us." How is Jesus going to save them? What enemy has he come to set them free from? Why is he a better king than any that have come before him? How do we acknowledge Jesus as king today?
- Close in prayer

Tuesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 12:12-19, Zechariah 9:9-13
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's second point was "What is this king's mission?" There are two different plans unfolding in our passage. The people's plan to have Jesus as king and Jesus' plan to inaugurate his kingdom. How will Jesus receive his crown as king? Why was the cross necessary to save his people and subdue his and our enemies? Read Zechariah 9:9-13. How does Jesus fulfill this prophecy in his action of riding to Jerusalem (not merely vs.9).
- Close in prayer

Wednesday

- Open in prayer
- Read: John 12:12-19
- Meditation: Pastor Nathan's third point was "What will be the scope of this king's kingdom?" The people and the Pharisees recognize the importance of Jesus' works, actions, and mission. They do not understand completely what that work will entail and who their enemies are. In vs. 19, the Pharisees recognize that the world goes after him. How does this statement emphasize the scope of Jesus mission to go to a cross? How do we gain nothing by resisting Christ as king of the world? What must we do to be saved by this king?
- Close in prayer

Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word

Thursday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Acts 1:6-11
- Meditation: What questions do you have about this text? Is there anything confusing or curious? Does anything stand out as important?
- Close in Prayer

Friday

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Acts 1:6-11
- Meditation: Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 4 asks, "What do the Scriptures principally teach?" Answer: "The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man." What does this passage teach us about God's character and work? What does it teach us about our own hearts and need for a Savior and how we ought to live in the world as followers of Christ?
- Close in Prayer