

The background of the entire image is a composite of a starry night sky and a snowy forest. The sky is dark blue and purple, filled with numerous stars and constellations. The forest below is covered in snow, with evergreen trees. In the distance, a small building with a lit window is visible through the trees.

Room at the Inn

Advent 2025

**A Guided Worship
Experience**

This Advent our theme is all about creating room at the inn. Mary and Joseph were famously turned away from the inn when they travelled to Bethlehem, requiring Mary to give birth to Jesus in a stable.

So often in our lives and in our world, we get into the mindset that there isn't enough room in the inns of our lives. What if that were to change? What if we used this Advent to see our lives through the lens of God's abundance?

This guided worship experience is designed to extend worship throughout your week. Each day there will be a short scripture reading, a reflection, and a practice that is designed to follow along with our theme for the season. Read the passage, spend some time with the reflection, and then do your best to follow-through with the practice.

This is not supposed to be onerous or difficult. If you come across something in this guided worship experience that you feel uncomfortable with or that is unfulfilling, try something else. The goal is to practice making room in our lives, anything that we do towards that goal should be fulfilling.

Sunday, November 30th

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light...” – Isaiah 9:2

Sunday Focus: God makes room for hope even when the world feels full of fear.

Monday, December 1st

Read Luke 1:26-38

Reflect Where in your life are you feeling that there is no more room for hope?

Practice Light a candle and name one place where you want to feel hope in your life.

Tuesday, December 2nd

Read Psalm 33:18-22

Reflect Hope is not just wishful thinking, it is an act of sacred trust. Where would you like to trust in God again?

Practice Write down a short prayer that begins with, “I will hope even when...”

Wednesday, December 3rd

- Read* Romans 15:13
- Reflect* Hope fills us and overflows. What might overflow in your life if you allowed more room for hope?
- Practice* Share an encouraging word with someone who seems weary.

Thursday, December 4th

- Read* Isaiah 40:1-5
- Reflect* Visualize what it might look like to live a life with more space for hope to enter.
- Practice* Take a picture of something that gives you hope, share that picture with one other person.

Friday, December 5th

- Read* Psalm 130
- Reflect* Waiting can be a holy action. Where in your life are you resisting waiting?
- Practice* Practice stillness for 5 minutes, simply breathing in “hope” and breathing out “fear.”

Saturday, December 6th

- Read* Lamentations 3:21-23
- Reflect* What does it mean to claim that hope renews daily?
- Practice* End your day by naming one sign of hope that you saw, no matter how small.

Sunday, December 7th

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” – John 14:27

Sunday Focus: God’s peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of wholeness.

Monday, December 8th

- Read* Isaiah 11:1-10
- Reflect* Peace sometimes grows in the unlikelyst of places. Where might peace be growing in your life today?
- Practice* Sit for a moment and pay attention to your body. Notice those places where you are tense. Allow yourself to feel those tensions ease.

Tuesday, December 9th

- Read* Luke 1:39-45
- Reflect* Peace flourishes in relationships that remind us that we are blessed. How can you cultivate those relationships?
- Practice* Reach out to someone who brings calm to your life and thank them.

Wednesday, December 10th

- Read* Psalm 85:8-13
- Reflect* What is the relationship between God's peace and righteousness?
- Practice* Reconciliation is sacred work. Reconcile with someone or some situation.

Thursday, December 11th

- Read* Matthew 5:9
- Reflect* Peace is active work.
- Practice* Choose one place (local or global) to intentionally pray for peace.

Friday, December 12th

- Read* Philippians 4:6-7
- Reflect* Prayer can open up space for peace.
- Practice* Spend 5 minutes praying for some of the most troubled places in the world.

Saturday, December 13th

- Read* John 20:19-22
- Reflect* Christ speaks peace into our greatest fears.
- Practice* Breathe deeply three times and repeat:
“Christ’s peace dwells here.”

Sunday, December 14th

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” – Luke 1:46-47

Sunday Focus: Joy is not the same as happiness, rather it is the assurance the God is near.

Monday, December 15th

- Read* Psalm 126
- Reflect* Oftentimes joy comes after tears. Where has joy been restored for you?
- Practice* Write down a joy that you have experienced after a hardship.

Tuesday, December 16th

- Read* Luke 2:8-10
- Reflect* Joy arrives in unexpected places.
- Practice* Name an ordinary moment in your day where you saw the beauty of God on display.

Wednesday, December 17th

- Read* Nehemiah 8:10
- Reflect* “The joy of the Lord is your strength.”
Where do you feel weary today?
- Practice* Do something small (take a walk, listen to music, have a good laugh) that refreshes your spirit.

Thursday, December 18th

- Read* Philippians 4:4-7
- Reflect* Joy is a choice that is rooted in trust.
- Practice* Write a note of encouragement and leave it anonymously for someone.

Friday, December 19th

Read John 15:9-11

Reflect Joy can be experienced when we stay connected in love.

Practice Call or message someone who brings you joy.

Saturday, December 20th

Read Psalm 30:11-12

Reflect Joy turns mourning into dancing.

Practice Play a song that lifts your heart and dance (or at least smile).

Sunday, December 21st

“The Word became flesh and lived among us.” – John 1:14

Sunday Focus: Love is God’s final word. It is the heart of the story and the home of Christ.

Monday, December 22nd

- Read* 1 John 4:7-12
- Reflect* Love begins with God. Who has shown you god-like love?
- Practice* Write or tell someone who has loved you how they impacted you.

Tuesday, December 23rd

- Read* Matthew 1:18-25
- Reflect* Joseph's love was courageous and kind.
- Practice* Do one quiet, hidden act of love today.

Wednesday, December 24th

- Read* Luke 2:1-20
- Reflect* The inn was full, yet love found a home. Where will Christ find room in you this Christmas?
- Practice* Welcome someone at your table, in your prayers, or in your heart, who might otherwise be left out.