



WELCOME TO SE*LAH

Welcome to our Advent Feast!!!

*So glad you came.
So glad you're here
Seriously, we are.
So find a partner
and
Let's
Play*

Name That Christmas Tune.

Trying to ~~be~~ the church as we learn to ~~live~~ life with God in this world.



Advent: the “coming” of the edge
between heaven and earth.

The Invitatory

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1. Macht hoch die Tür, die Tor macht weit,
es kommt der Herr der Herrlichkeit,
ein Kö-nig al-ler Kö-nig-reich,
ein Hei-land al-ler Welt zu-gleich,
und Le-ben mit sich bringt
Freu-den singt:




I
am
coming
again
and
again
and
again
for
you
-God



Together:

In the mighty name
of God, in the saving
name of Jesus and in
the healing name of
the Spirit, we come,
we cry, we watch, we
wait, we look, we
long for you, O Lord.




O come all ye faithful
joyful and triumphant

O come ye o come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and adore him born the king of
angels. O come let us adore him. O come
let us adore him. O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.





The Lord be with you...

...And also with you

Christ is coming...

...Christ is here.

Come, Lord Jesus. Come.
Come down. Come in. Come among us.

Into our world of darkness, into our places of strife, into our troubles and weakness
Come, Lord. Come down. Come in. Come among us.

Into our joys and celebrations, into our homes and our loved ones, into our work and
our achievements

Come, Lord. Come down. Come in. Come among us.

To those who are in need, to those who are sick, to those who are in despair,

Come, Lord. Come down. Come in. Come among us.

Good and gracious God, come. Come and abide with us, Come and guide us, Come
and protect us, this day and evermore. *Amen.*

The countdown continues



Amidst it all, the invitation is still here
to Step out of the traffic...



The Versicle: listening for God.

**For nothing
is impossible
with God.**

*The angel Gabriel to Mary.
From the Gospel of Luke, ch. 1, vs.37*




“CEASE STRIVING
AND STEP OUT OF
THE TRAFFIC AND
TAKE A LONG,
LOVING LOOK AT
ME, YOUR GOD.”

-PSALM 46:10 (THE MESSAGE)

The Lighting of the Candles





**Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might
come
among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by
our sins,
let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help
and deliver
us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with
you and
the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for
ever. Amen. Amen.**

A green parrot is perched on a large red rose. The rose has several concentric heart shapes cut out of its petals, which are illuminated from within, creating a glowing effect. The background is dark, making the parrot and the glowing hearts stand out.

We are a thankful people

How silently, how silently, the
wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His Heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but
in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive
Him still, the dear Christ enters In.

(O Little Town of Bethlehem)

Being the church:

Gathering around the table:



Give thanks for each other being here.

LET'S
FEAST!



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IT'S A FEAST:

LET'S
PLAY!





Name
That
Christmas
Song.



ANOTHER CHRISTMAS GAME



The TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



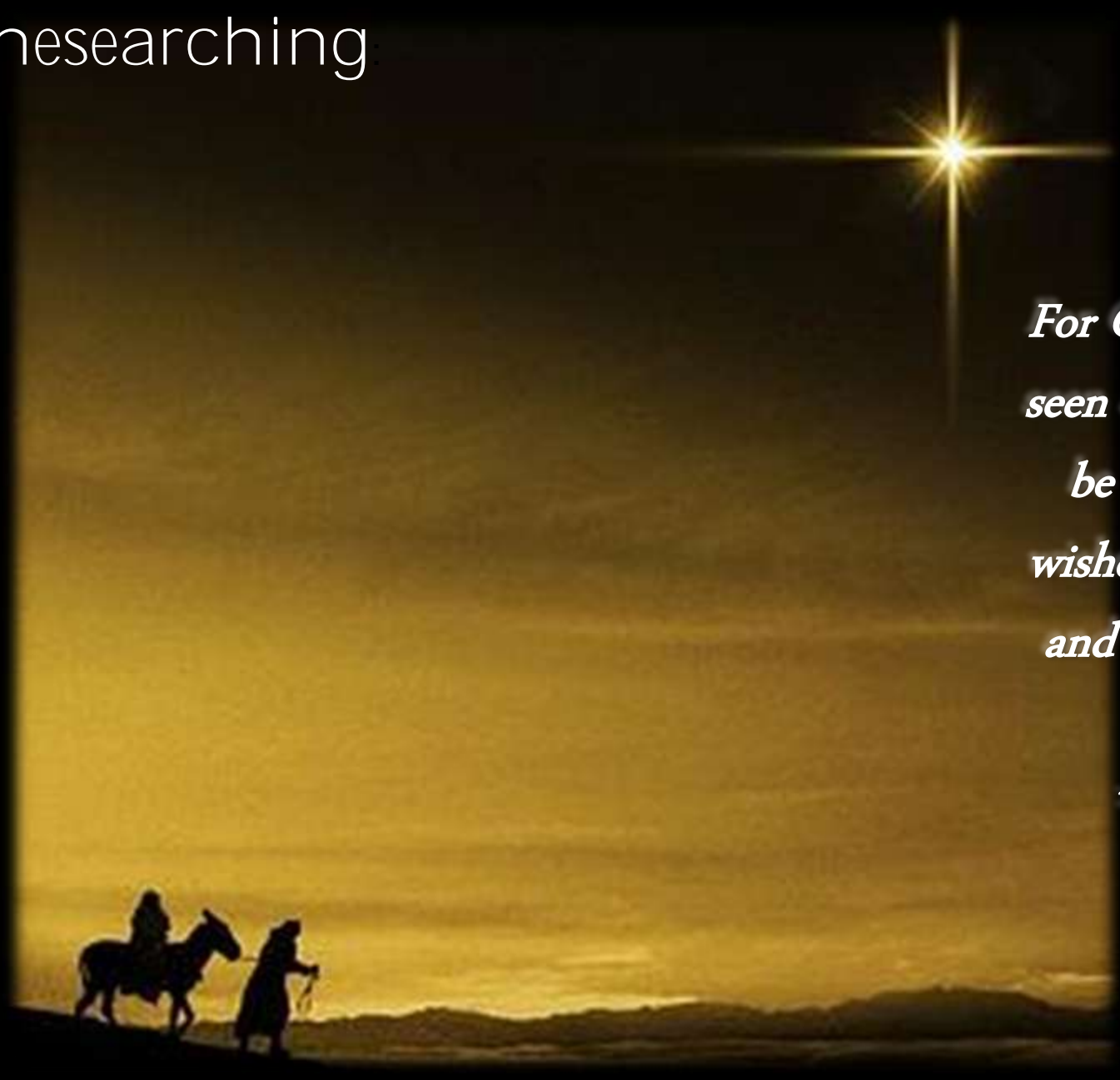
In the Spirit of St. Nick



Twass the Night
right
Before
Christmas



These searching

A bright star with a cross-shaped glow is positioned in the upper right quadrant of a dark sky. Below the star, the silhouettes of a person riding a horse and another person walking alongside are visible against a golden, hazy horizon. The overall scene is dark, with the star and the horizon providing the primary light sources.

*For God wishes to be
seen and he wishes to
be sought and he
wishes to be expected
and he wishes to be
trusted.*

-Julian of Norwich

Looking for the pasture of Advent



Come Lord Jesus, *Come as King.*
Rule in our hearts, *Come as Love.*
Rule in our minds, *Come as Peace.*
Rule in our actions, *Come as Power.*
Rule in our days, *Come as Joy.*
Rule in our darkness, *Come as Light.*
Rule in our bodies, *Come as Health.*
Rule in our work, *Come as Hope.*
Come Lord Jesus, Come.
May Your Kingdom Come Among us.





Preparing the Way:

Advent places

A large orange is the central focus, with a lit candle on top. The candle's flame is bright yellow and orange, casting a warm glow on the orange. The orange is surrounded by several colorful pushpins (yellow, blue, purple) that are pinned to a dark surface. The background is dark, making the orange and the candle stand out.

Still

Quiet

Watch

Look

Ask

Wait

Search

He is here.

He will come.





Silent Night

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born
Christ, the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth "



Our Offerings this Advent

Your Gift Cards.

*Do something good
every day.*

Announcements:

Next week Se*lah travels! Meet at the church at 4pm. Bring some money for dinner out. Since it's Advent, we thought we'd keep you in the dark about what our worship will look like next week!

No Se*lah the following week . Celebrate the 12 days of Christmas!

The Blessing



The PEACE OF THE LORD be always with you!