

Lighthouse Worship

Wonderful Counselor - Isaiah 9:1-7

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Advent Week 1: Sunday, November 29, 2020



- **Opening Prayer**

Advent is the time in which we prepare our hearts for the worship of the newborn King. Take a few moments to focus your heart on why we're here... to give our King the worship and praise He deserves, and to draw nearer to Him in loving relationship. Also repent of anything that may be standing in the way of that relationship, trusting His forgiveness is for you through Christ.

- **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 146:1-10 Praise the LORD! Let all that I am praise the LORD. I will praise the LORD as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath. Don't put your confidence in powerful people; there is no help for you there. When they breathe their last, they return to the earth, and all their plans die with them. But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the LORD their God. He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. He keeps every promise forever. He gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry. The LORD frees the prisoners. The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are weighed down. The LORD loves the godly. The LORD protects the foreigners among us. He cares for the orphans and widows, but he frustrates the plans of the wicked. The LORD will reign forever. He will be your God, O Jerusalem, throughout the generations. Praise the LORD!

May these truths rule in our hearts as we enter this time of worship together.

- **Worship Through Song**

10,000 Reasons (Jesus Culture): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Cnj0rhcbd4>

- **Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:26-33 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

The Kingdom of God is nothing without its King. What does the fact that the Jesus is King mean to you this week?

- **Worship Through Song**

King of Kings (Hillsong Worship): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5IcFWiEpg>

- **Lighthouse Message – Wonderful Counselor**

YouTube Channel: Alliance Bible Church, Anchorage
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYnhhwO3DYtDWIcIVtelfrg>

- **Discussion**

1. Jesus brings light into darkness. In what ways has He lighted your life as of late?
2. How is Jesus a Wonderful Counselor to us beyond what any human counselor can provide? How has He been that to you?
3. To experience peace and freedom, we must maintain regular connection with the Wonderful Counselor. Are there ways the enemy has been trying to keep you disconnected from Him?
4. What is God calling you to do differently in order to experience the hope the Wonderful Counselor offers this week?

- **Prayer**

Pray for one another and anything else the Lord brings to mind.

- **Worship Through Song**

King of My Heart (Kutless): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jkMnq2Hfzo>

- **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26 May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favor and give you his peace.

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- **Giving:** <https://www.abcanchorage.org/giving>
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