

## Finding Our Way: A Journey Through Advent

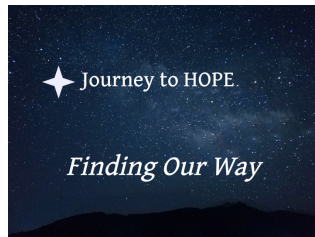
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The journey through Advent to Christmas is always a winding and mysterious road, and it feels even more so in these days. Our Advent theme, Finding Our Way, leans into the journey and invites God to be our guide. From John the Baptist in the wilderness to Joseph's dream, Advent is filled with stories of people struggling to find the right path. While it is rarely a direct or easy, God's presence continues to light the way for us to Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. We will be connecting with our fellow travelers in worship and fellowship as we all Find Our Way.



### Week 1: The Journey Begins (Nov 27)

We can only begin our Advent journey in one mode: lost. We lose our way, and then we constantly need to find our way back to God. Advent marks that journey as we seek and prepare for God to find us again. We begin this Sunday with apocalyptic scriptures, challenging us to hold on to the things that will never pass away and calling us to be steadfast on this path. Where do you feel lost? What do you need a guidepost? Let's journey together this season! Join us as we begin Finding Our Way.



### Week 4: Journey to Love (Dec 18)

As we move through Advent, we might grow impatient to get to Christmas more quickly. That can make it all the more frustrating if we are stuck and can't Find Our Way. We need to lean in to love and community for this last stretch. This final week is about that love carries us when we feel lost and reminds us we are never alone. We journey with Joseph as he wrestles with God's calling for him. When life doesn't go as expected, how does love help guide us? Join us as we Find Our Way!



### Finding Our Way to the Manger and Beyond (Dec 24)

We have journeyed through four weeks of Advent, and now we finally Find Our Way to the manger. After learning from the guides- the prophets, John the Baptist, and Joseph - we finish this story in the company of the highest angels and the lowest shepherds. We will tell the stories of all those who found their way for Christ's birth; we will sing the carols that proclaim joy; and we will share the gift of God's love for all.



### Week 2: Seeking Peace (Dec 4)

The path to God's love at Christmas is a complicated one, marked by twists of stress and turns of injustice. There is no way to find our way alone. Advent is a journey that we undertake together as community. God gives us prophets to guide the way. This week, we focus on John the Baptist and his radical call for a path to peace. How does his call to "make paths straight" resonate with us today? Join us as we Find Our Way this Advent season.



### Week 3: Finding Our Way to Joy (Dec 11)

This Sunday marks an important rest stop on every Advent journey- the candle of JOY! What helps you find joy when it feels distant? The laughter of children or the cuddle of a furry friend? How can we share the joy of the season with others who need it? Join us Find Our Way to Joy this week.



### Finding Our Way with the Magi: Epiphany (Jan 1)

This week, on Epiphany Sunday, we conclude our worship theme for Advent and Christmas, Finding Our Way, as we follow the Magi on the journey to find Jesus. Herod tried to throw them off track, but they remained steady in their course. How do we remember and honor their journey today? Our lives are full of questions, worries and difficult decisions, without easy markers like a bright star in the sky. How do we hold together as a faithful community, staying on course as we follow Jesus? Join us on the journey as we Find Our Way!

