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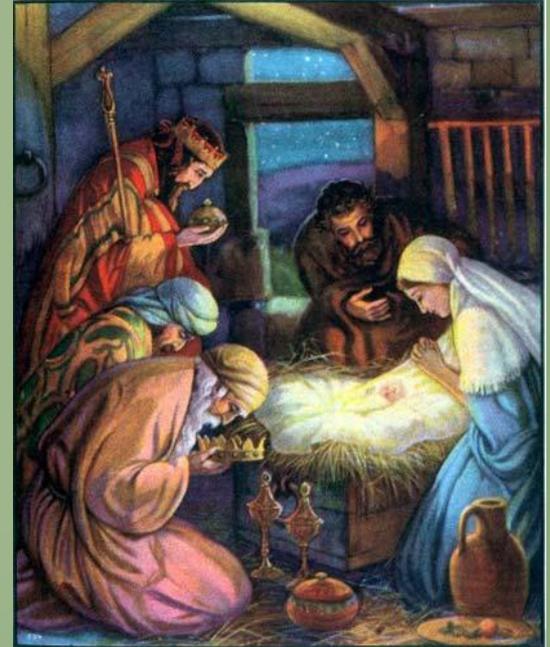
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Advent

- the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event
- Christian theology: the coming or second coming of Christ
- “Advent” comes from the Latin word *Adventus*, which is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, often used to refer to the second coming of Christ

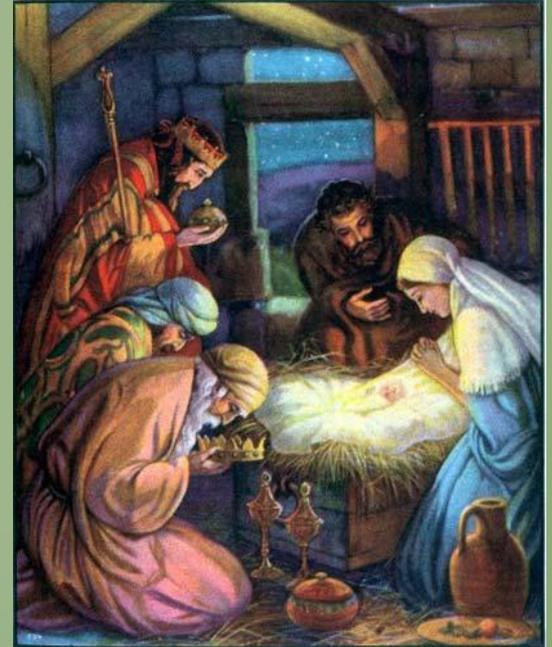


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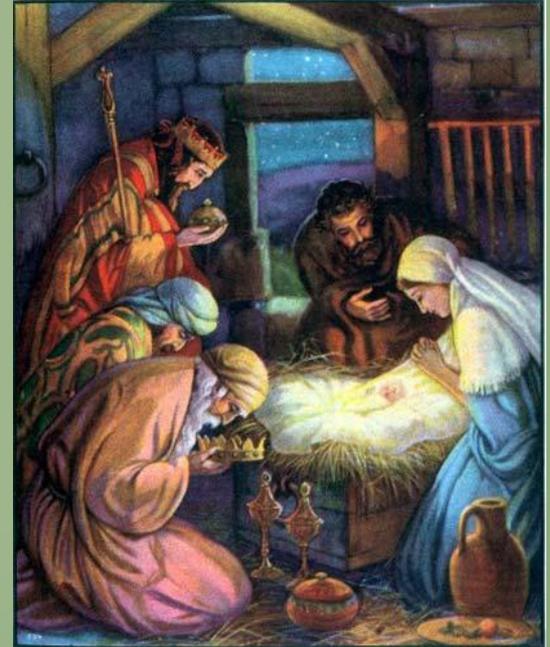


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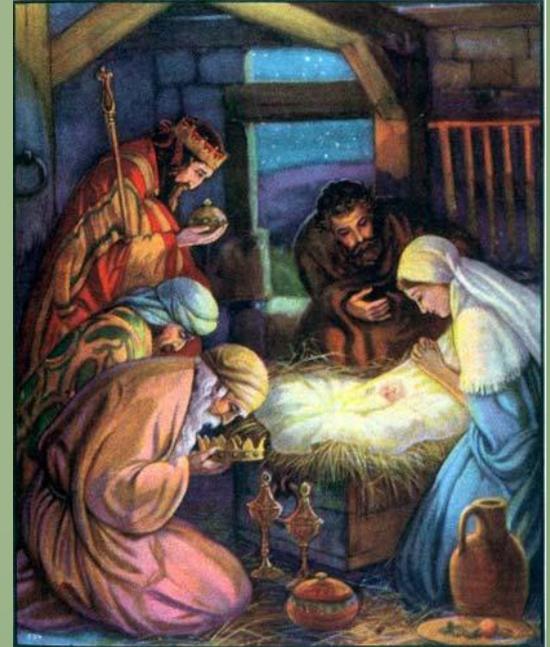


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- Typically focuses on two events: the birth of Jesus some 2,000 years ago, and the second coming of Jesus, at a time that only God the Father knows.
- But there is another “coming of Christ” that we anticipate. It is the coming of Christ into every situation of every day in the lives of those who believe in him.



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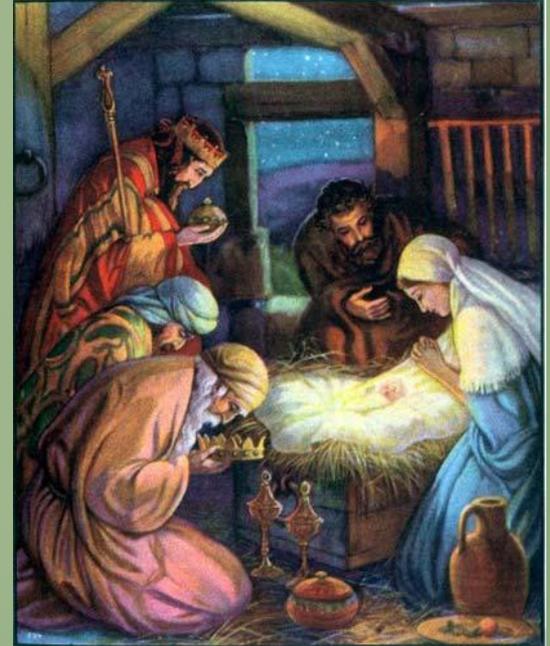
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Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ.

We prepare by anticipating the **PLEASURE**.

One-Point Sermon: The **PLEASURE** is the joy of Emmanuel – God with us!

We prepare best when our anticipation includes a looking forward to the **PLEASURE** of God being with us – the presence of Christ.



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³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

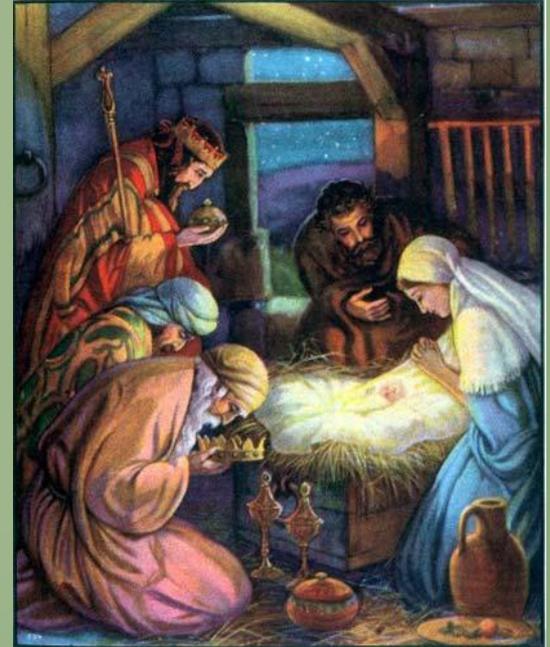
Luke 1:39-44 (NIV1984)

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The angels expressed that **PLEASURE**.
Many who were healed, forgiven, transformed
experienced that **PLEASURE**.
Today we can experience that **PLEASURE**.



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“...²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21 (NIV1984)

⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Rev. 21:4-5a (NIV1984)

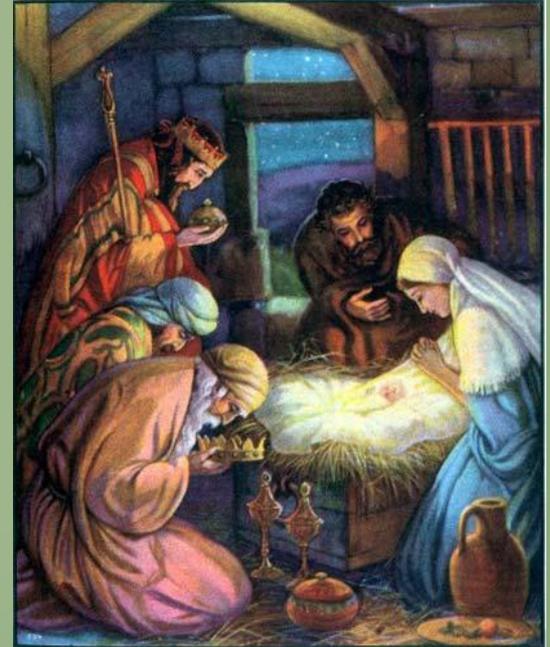
¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! II Cor. 5:17 (NIV1984)

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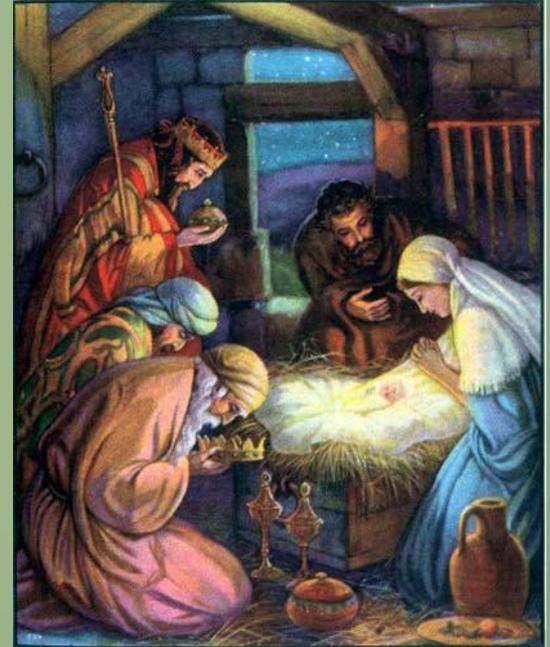
¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Heb. 12:1-3 (NIV)

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