



Advent – Christmas – Epiphany 2025-26 *Be Amazed!*

*Look at the nations and see!
Be astonished! Be astonished!
For work is being done in your days
that you would not believe if you were told.
- Habakkuk 1:5*

Be Amazed! is drawn from wonderful stories in the both the Old and New Testaments that tell of God's saving grace and power through challenging situations. Worship for Advent Christmas and Epiphany seeks to bridge between the worlds of the scripture accounts and our world today.

Advent scripture lessons following the Narrative Lectionary flow through stories of dry bones, a fiery furnace, a mystic's monologue, and the birth of Jesus. What do these stories have in common? ... They are amazing!

In each of the biblical stories there is a common thread of God acting in powerful and astonishing ways. The response seen in many of these passages and a response evoked in us as readers and followers of Jesus today, is that of awe. **Be Amazed!**

May we find wonder in the work God has done and is doing. Come to worship with Advent candle lighting, music, children's story, scripture, prayer, sermons, and **Advent pre-worship singing from 9:35-9:45 am**. An Advent Calendar for children, families, for all is available for use at home.

November 30 – ADVENT 1 *Be Amazed: HOPE in the furnace*

Daniel 3:1, 8-30; Habakkuk 1:1-5; 3:17-19; Psalm 26:1-7
O come, O come, Immanuel...O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here. #210 O Come, O Come, Immanuel VT

December 7 – ADVENT 2 *Be Amazed: PEACE in the valley of bones*

Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:25-26
Now the heavens start to whisper...hearts grow soft and warm to welcome, teach our hearts to welcome you.
#237 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper VT

VT – *Voices Together* hymnal

December 14 – ADVENT 3 *Be Amazed: JOY in the dessert*

Isaiah 40:1-5; 55:1-13; Psalm 42; John 4:13-14
Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels in glorious splendor gloom and grief everywhere.
#216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming VT
BMC Jr Sunday School leads worship

December 21 – The Longest Night

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Matthew 1:18-25
We need your help O God to balance our grief, sorrow, and hurt with the beauty, excitement and love of this season. Comfort us throughout this Christmas season and beyond. We are in awe and wonder as we open our hearts to you this Christmas. Amen.

December 21 – ADVENT 4 *Be Amazed: LOVE comes down*

Psalm 130:5-8; Isaiah 9:2,6; John 1:1-18
Love came down at Christmas...Love was born at Christmas...sing noel.
#255 Love Came Down at Christmas VT

December 24 – Christmas Eve 7:00 pm

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
BMC Christmas Eve Choir, Scripture, Children's Story,
Congregational Singing, Candle Lighting
Christmas Eve Offering supports House of Friendship
Silent night, holy night!...love's pure light...Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.
#244 Silent Night, Holy Night VT

December 28 –Be Amazed: God among us

Psalm 32:1-2; Isaiah 40:3; John 1:19-34
To us a child of hope is born...justice shall guard his throne above, and peace abound below.
#259 To Us a Child of Hope Is Born VT

January 4, 2025 – Epiphany *Be Amazed: Come and see*

Psalm 66:1-5; John 1:35-51; Matthew 2:1-12
Come and see, come and see...follow me, follow me.
#282 Come and See VT



*Hope, Peace, Joy, Love is a candle...
Christ is the light that prophets awaited.
#211 Hope Is a Candle Voices Together*