# DEC. 14/15 | LIVING ADVENT | DAVE GRUHN

Living Advent "Joy"

Luke 2:8-20

# THE BIG IDEA

Living Advent finds joy in Jesus' presence today and hope for tomorrow.

Joy is found in embracing the living Jesus.

Embracing Jesus results in joy-filled worship.

"Joy-filled worship" — our response to God with gratitude and delight, empowered by the Holy Spirit and rooted in the gospel.

Joy-filled worship is an everyday expression of living with Jesus.

# **Next Steps:**

Ask Jesus, "How do I live out joy-filled worship today?"

Live It Out... 25 days of Advent







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#### ALL CHURCH

#### Matthew Journals | \$5 cash

We're kicking off 2025 in the book of Matthew, grab a journal in the lobby today!

#### PJ's & Popcorn | 2RC Kids | Dec. 22 | During Services

Wear your Christmas PJ's & hang out while we celebrate Christmas together!

# Israel Study Tour | May 30-Jun. 13, 2025 | Email Vanessa.Bunch@2RC.tv Dave Gruhn is leading our next study tour in Israel, Register today!

#### Women's Reatreat | Feb. 21-23, 2025 | Tallahassee, TN

Save the date for our upcoming Women's Retreat, registration is now open!

#### HARRISON LN

Christmas at The Well | Wednesday Dec. 18 | 6:30-8:30P | River Room Join us for midweek prayer and worship in the River Room.

#### **ROANE COUNTY**

## The Well | Monday Dec. 16 | 6:45-7:30P | Worship Center

Join us every third Monday for midweek prayer and worship at The Well.

## Activating Prayer | Beginning Jan. 9-Apr. 10 | 6:30-8:30P

Equipping you with new ways to pray using your spiritual authority. Register today.

# Hands of Mercy Food Drive | Through Dec. 29

Drop off non-perishable items in the lobby between the Christmas trees.

PRAYER REQUESTS			
☐ I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS TODAY!	☐ I'M INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTIZED!		

# LIVE IT OUT | A DAILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

#### Listen to this Week's Sermon

Find this week's advent videos at 2RC.tv/LiveItOut

Living Advent will have a video every day for our daily discipleship guide. Use the video to help you consider how you can live out the reality of both the birth and return of Jesus every day, as the life, death, resurrection and return of Jesus are both a present reality and future hope.

#### **Sunday | Watch Advent Video: Day 15**

Watch the video as a family. What is something that has made you happy this week? How can you thank God for that joy? God promised to send a savior, and Jesus was born. He has promised to come back again - how can that make you joyful today? Thank God for the ways he has kept and will keep his promises.

#### Monday | Watch Advent Video: Day 16

In what ways does the gospel of Jesus challenge the "false joys" and temporary peace offered by the world? How can you live out the joy and hope of God's kingdom in your daily life? Ask Jesus, "How do I live out joy-filled worship today?"

#### Tuesday | Watch Advent Video: Day 17

Who has been an example to you in how they generously give their time, energy, and attention to others? How does that reflect the life and love of Jesus? How can you be ready to respond to opportunities the Holy Spirit gives you today? Ask Jesus, "How do I live out joy-filled worship today?"

#### Wednesday | Watch Advent Video: Day 18

Where is Jesus at work in your life? What does it look like to demonstrate joy-filled worship in your work-place or home? How can it be an intentional practice and not simply assumed? Ask Jesus, "How do I live out joy-filled worship today?"

## Thursday | Watch Advent Video: Day 19

Reflect on Philippians 2:5-11. In what ways could you embrace a mindset of humility this Advent season? What might God be calling you to release or let go of to serve others better?

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# Friday | Watch Advent Video: Day 20

Where have you experienced the joys and difficulties of life this year? How have you experienced God's presence with you in the midst of both? Ask Jesus, "How do I live out joy-filled worship today?"

## Saturday | Watch Advent Video: Day 21

How can I reflect the light of Jesus to the people around me this season? Is there someone who needs to see His light through my words or actions? Ask Jesus, "How do I live out joy-filled worship today?"

