

# Sunday Gathering

Bathsheba, 2 Samuel 11-12 -  
Bradley Bell

December 4, 2022

Advent: The Mothers of Jesus

Length  
in mins

Audio/  
Visual Band Person Vocals

## 0:00 Call to Worship - Micah 2:2-4

Thank you for joining us on the second Sunday of the Advent season. Here at Antioch we have the tradition of lighting candles as a way of tangibly picturing the light of Jesus Christ coming into the darkness of our world, and our enduring hope in his second coming. This Sunday we will light the second Advent candle which represents faith. Its purple color and traditional name "Bethlehem's Candle" remind us that our faith is in King Jesus, the promised Messiah, from the line of David and his wife Bathsheba. Hear the promise of the Lord from Micah chapter 2:

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me  
one who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old,  
from ancient times."

3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned  
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,  
and the rest of his brothers return  
to join the Israelites.

4 He will stand and shepherd his flock  
in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they will live securely, for then his greatness  
will reach to the ends of the earth.  
Micah 2:2-4

Today we declare that Jesus came as God in the flesh, born sinless from a virgin, and descended from broken people, that he might be a Savior to broken people, to the ends of the earth. What a wondrous mystery! Let's sing of it together.

0:00 *Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery* [ Default Arrangement in E ]

**0:00 Confession - 2 Samuel 12:5, 7; Psalm 51:10-12**

Today we will hear the tragic story of when a man named David sinned against a woman named Bathsheba and her husband Uriah. Afterward, when the prophet Nathan confronted David with a parable about an evil rich man, we read,

5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die..."

7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man!  
2 Samuel 12:5, 7

We can often be surprised at just how deeply our words or actions can hurt when we put our own desires ahead of the welfare of others. Let's take a moment to ask God to reveal where we may have harmed others through our selfishness. [pause]

Brothers and sisters, we don't practice confession with one another in order to increase shame. We do this in order to prepare our hearts for drinking deeply of grace. Let's join David in his prayer for forgiveness from Psalm 51:

\*\*Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.\*\*  
Psalm 51:10-12

**0:00 *Holy Holy Holy*** [ Reawaken Hymns Arrangement in C ]

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FpQuGRINg8>

**0:00 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*** [ Lexington Road Arrangement in C ]

**0:00 Evidence of Grace - Missionary Care Trip**

**0:00 Sermon - 2 Samuel 11-12**

**0:00 Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28**

**0:00 *Turn Away From Sin and Sorrow*** [ Default Arrangement in G ]

**0:00 *O Holy Night*** [ Default Arrangement in B ]

**0:00 Benediction - 1 Kings 1:17**

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Family Groups - We invite you to visit one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week in order for us to grow in the context of deep relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us, and we'll make a direct connection for you.

Giving & Visitors - Also, now is our time for giving—ushers, please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning, please grab a visitor card from the basket so we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat; the pen is yours to keep.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

Announcements

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the following steps:

1) MCT Prayer Calendars - They are now available for purchase! You can see \_\_\_\_\_ in the back following the gathering. We can take credit or debit care as well.

2) Women's Christmas Brunch - Antioch Women, the annual women's Christmas brunch, will be this Saturday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. See the Antioch Family Facebook page for food signup and more info. This year's gift exchange will be a mug swap.

3) Family Meeting - Our annual December Family Meeting for Antioch members will take place next Sunday evening, December 11th at 6:00 PM. This will take the place of family groups that week, so facilitators, please plan accordingly.

4) Christmas Needs in Food Pantry - As part of December's Food Pantry we are gathering two kinds of items in order to bless our neighbors:

First, we are collecting new toys. These can be books, puzzles, figurines, cars, dolls, etc., for various ages. They don't have to be expensive, but they do need to be new and unwrapped.

Second, we are collecting used coats and winter accessories. These can be in both children and adult sizes.

Please bring any toys or winter items and place them in the designated bins in the kitchen by no later than Fri, December 16th.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship, and we end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing.

Church, Jesus was abused and killed for our sake so that in him all oppression shall cease. Therefore, may you go like Bathsheba, pointing to the only King who has power to heal what has been broken.  
Based on 1 Kings 1:17

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

WE ARE SENT