

# The Word Became Flesh

Sunday November 30, 2014

John 1:1-18

## Timeline

### In the Beginning

Word - in the beginning, was with God, was God (1)

### Creation – All things were made

Through him all things were made; (3)

Without him nothing was made that has been made. (3)

### The Light of All Mankind

Universal Human History

The Special History of Israel

### The Light was Coming into the World

Words of Anticipation

Ministry of John

Witness – His role (7)

Testimony – after ... surpassed ... before (15)

### The Word became Flesh

Made his dwelling among us (14)

Seen his glory (14)

Invisible God made known (18)

### Conclusion

Knowing what God is like

Right to become His children

The Call to Response

He came ... did not recognize (10) ... receive (11)

But ... those who did receive ... believe (12)

# Advent 2014

## An Invitation

We will focus on **John 1:1-18** during our worship services over Advent for this year. I intend to thoughtfully read this passage every day during the Advent season. I would invite you to join me in this, reading the passage each day, or as often as is practical for you.

This handout contains a list of significant words and phrases from the passage which can help direct our pondering. The prayers inspired by this passage can guide our response to God.

## Significant Words and Phrases

Word	In the Beginning
God	The Word was with God
Life	The Word was God
Light	Through Him all things were made
World	In Him was Life
Witness	The Light of all mankind
Believe	The Light shines in the darkness
Recognize	The darkness has not overcome it
Receive	That through him all might believe
Everyone	That gives light to everyone
Children	Coming into the world
Born	The world did not recognize him
Flesh	The right to become children of God
Dwelted	Born of God
Glory	The Word became flesh
Son	Made His dwelling among us
Father	One and only Son
Grace	Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ
Truth	No one has ever seen God
Fullness	[He] has made him known

### **Prayer During the Day - Advent**

Keep us, O Lord,  
while we tarry on this earth,  
in a serious seeking after you,  
and in an affectionate walking with you,  
every day of our lives;  
that when you come,  
we may be found not hiding our talent,  
nor serving the flesh,  
nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished,  
but waiting and longing for our Lord,  
our glorious God for ever.

### **Prayer During the Day - Christmas Season**

Father of lights,  
from whom comes every good and perfect gift:  
keep us in the light of Christ,  
to shine in your world,  
that all may believe in you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **First Sunday of Advent – A Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness,  
and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in  
which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;  
that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious  
majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the  
life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Nativity of Our Lord – A Collect**

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our  
nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we,  
who have been born again and made your children by adoption  
and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor  
and glory, now and for ever. Amen

### **First Sunday after Christmas Day – A Collect**

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your  
incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may  
shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and for ever. Amen

### **Christmas Day – Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.

### **Second Sunday of Christmas – Post Communion Prayer**

All praise to you,  
almighty God and heavenly king,  
who sent your Son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,  
now and for ever.