



Battle Born: The Strange War

Genesis 3:14-15; Revelation 12:1-12
(A Strange Way to Save the World #1)

There is a war on, a war we are a part of.
It is cosmic in scope, spiritual in nature, divine in purpose
and already won for us by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notes:



<u>A Strange Way to Save the World</u>		<u>Advent 2024</u>
Dec. 1 -	<i>Strange War to Wage</i>	Gen. 3:14-15; Rev.12:1-12
Dec. 8 -	<i>Strange Place for a King</i>	Micah 5:1-5
Dec. 15 -	<i>Strange Time for The Fullness</i>	Galatians 3:26-4:7
Dec. 22 -	<i>Strange Cast for the Play</i>	Luke 2:1-20
Dec. 24 -	<i>Strange Star of the Show</i>	Matthew 12:1-12

Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, NV
December 1, 2024

Service for The First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony... – Revelation 12:11

We Gather in Hope as God's People

Prelude

Greetings and Church Family News

Candle Lighting for the First Sunday in Advent

The Rhoden Family

Leader: Today we are lighting the first candle of the Advent season. It is called the Prophecy Candle. One candle, shining out through the darkness.

People: *"Thus says the Lord!" the prophets proclaimed. Then there was a Baby, The Word of God in human flesh, the One for whom all creation was waiting. "Thus says the Lord!"*

Leader: For long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son. (Hebrews 1:1-2)

People: *Our hope is in Him. Thus says the Lord!*

Leader: The Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel (which means "God with us"). (Isaiah 7:14)

People: *Come to us, Lord Jesus, hope of all the earth, dear desire of every nation. We are waiting for You. Deliver us from sin and death. Reign in our hearts now and forever. You are our eternal King. Thus says the Lord!*

We Worship Our God Who Is Completely Good

***Hymn of Praise** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

Children's Prayer

(Children preschool to early grade school excused to Children's Church)

Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon & Gloria Patri

Time of Offering

Anthem

Covenant Women's Chorus

"Jenny's Carol (God's Beautiful Song)" – J. Hull

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God's Word Tells Us What's Wrong & How It Will Be Fixed

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:14-15 (p.3)

New Testament Reading

Revelation 12:1-12 (p.1034)

Message

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Sharing Communion, We Are Bound Together in & with Christ

***Hymn of Preparation** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #216

Celebration of The Lord's Supper & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We Depart to Share the Peace that Our Savior Brings

*Closing Hymn

"Away in a Manger"

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*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

* indicates to stand if you are able

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