

**Midweek Prayer during Advent**  
**Magnificat: My Soul Magnifies the Lord**  
**There's Room for Every Story**  
**November 30, 2022, 11:00am**

**Opening Dialogue**

L: In this Advent time of waiting and watching, the words of the angel Gabriel break into our world:

**C: "Greetings! The Lord is with you. Do not fear, for nothing will be impossible with God."**

L: We respond with Mary to the angel's message:

**C: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."**

L: We join with Elizabeth to greet the mother of our Lord:

**C: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."**

L: We echo Mary's song of praise:

**C: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."**

L: In this Advent time of waiting and watching, let us pray:

**C: Gracious God, you come to us in new and surprising ways. You make the impossible possible. Help us, like Mary, to answer your call, that the light of Christ may spread to all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*(Based on Luke 1:28-47)*

**Hymn of Light, Week of Advent 1: Creator of the stars of night ELW 245**

**Week of Advent 1: Isaiah 2:1-5**

**Week of Advent 1: Matthew 1:1-17**

**Reflections**

**Artwork & Artist Statement: War No More (Isaiah 2) - Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity**  
**Inspired by Isaiah 2:1-5 | Silk painting with digital drawing and collage**

**Artwork & Artist Statement: Genealogy of Christ (Matthew 1) – Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman, Inspired by Matthew 1:1-17 | Digital painting**  
**Poetry Prayer: "Room" by Rev. Sarah Speed**

L: The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (Rev. 22:20)**

**Prayer response**

L: O God for whom we long,

**C: show us your mercy.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **Blessing**

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The God through whom all things are possible grant you grace, mercy, and peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Song, Week of Advent 1:** The angel Gabriel from heaven came ELW 265