



BREAKING IDOLS

A two-part series on
the book of Isaiah

November 27, 2022 | *First Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 2:1–5 | “Hope”

What is the hope for the world? Most, if not all, would agree that we live in a world of turmoil. Some might go so far as to describe their experience of the world as evil—a problem that needs to be solved. What hope is offered to those who suffer. Justice seems to be a benefit for the rich and powerful. Isaiah glimpses the future and declares a hope to the suffering: there is coming a day when all will be set right!

December 4, 2022 | *Second Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 11:1–10 | “Peace”

How can peace be established? Sometimes it takes only the smallest slight to reveal the hostility that lies underneath our polite interactions. So much divides us: thoughts, beliefs, values, ethnicity, customs, language and more. We can agree to get along and we do most of the time, but how can the underlying tensions be removed without destroying us? There is coming a king, and he will bring us peace.

December 11, 2022 | *Third Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 35:1–10 | “Joy”

From where does our joy come? We try to be happy, but so often even our happiness is tinged by sadness. Life can seem harsh and, at times, empty. What can really change our circumstances and therefore our perspective? Isaiah describes a future when sorrow will give way to joy, even as the desert bursts forth into new life. All of this hinges on God responding to our needs.

December 18, 2022 | *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Northview Kids Christmas Play

December 25, 2022 | *Christmas Day*

Isaiah 62:6–12 | “Hope Fulfilled”

On Christmas morning a new light dawns.

January 1, 2023

Isaiah 63:7–9 | “God is King”

How do we know that God will rescue us today? Because he rescued us yesterday. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He has love and compassion for his whole creation and especially for his people. Just as he cared for the people of Israel, he will care for us too. God is our king.

January 8, 2022 | *Epiphany Sunday*

Isaiah 42:1–9 | “Seeing New Things”

What is the source of new creation? The same one who created the heavens and the earth promises to remake them. To bring about the new heavens and the new earth. A whole new, healed world and it comes through this tiny baby, this king. As surely as the acorn grows to be the massive oak, so this small child will become the one to bring about God’s promised new cosmos.