

"Stir Up Our World"

Advent 4

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All these Sundays in Advent we have been following the figures around the balcony here in Fellowship Hall as they make their way to this stable. In fact, their expected time of arrival is in about 34 hours! 34 hours and it will be Christmas Eve! This little stable has been trembling in excitement, see?! The shepherd and one little sheep that are already here are trembling and waiting too.

And Haman is still following the Wise Men way over there! And there is more than just Haman following now. Can you tell me who else you see up there? Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head and Gramma too. And Polly. And Uncle Pete. And Officer Spud!

And a bit behind them is Pastor Glenn, Pastor Ed and The SCS Teacher and Larry and Loretta! Even the Bishop is following!

And over here where Mary and Joseph are walking is Elizabeth following behind. And all the giraffe family: Mommy and Daddy Mawakasunga, Aunt Gertrude and the twins Edward and Ella. AND there is Mr. Mawakasunga's brother and his wife Aunt Naomi with their daughters Baby Ruth and Esther and Elizabeth's favorite cousin Martin. That family lives in Dar es Salem in Tanzania in Africa! And there are a whole bunch more giraffes there. I don't even know their names!!!

Barabas is still up there in the pasture watching over the rest of the flock of sheep. And there is the whole Heffelfinger clan and so many others! I think the whole world is stirred up and wants to see Baby Jesus!

I WANT TO SEE BABY JESUS! I WANT YOU TO SEE HIM ALSO. WE WANT OUR FRIENDS TO SEE HIM!

I know a baby who isn't even born yet, and I want that baby to see Baby Jesus!

I think most of us want to go to that stable. We await the birth of Jesus here on earth! The whole world has been watching and waiting!

Let's bow our heads and close with a prayer.

Dear Father in Heaven and Jesus and Holy Spirit! We sometimes forget to be so excited about you being here. But today and tomorrow and the next day, we want the whole world to be stirred up and excited! Thank you for coming here for us! Amen! God is loose in the world!

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