**MESSAGE NOTES** **11.29.26**
**BEHOLDING JESUS: "THE WAY"**

**THE INVITATION OF ADVENT**

- To _____ the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of the World
- To stop and pay attention to _____ we're paying attention to
- To _____ Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life

**"I am the way, the truth, and the life.**
**No one can come to the Father except through me."**
– JOHN 14:6 (NLT) –

**THE INVITATION OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH (739-681 BC)**

[God speaking through the prophet] "[1]Look at ("BEHOLD") my servant, whom I strengthen. He is my chosen one, who pleases me. I have put my Spirit upon him. He will bring justice to the nations. [2]He will not shout or raise his voice in public. [3]He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. He will bring justice to all who have been wronged. [4]He will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth. Even distant lands beyond the sea will wait for his instruction. [5]God, the Lord, created the heavens and stretched them out. He created the earth and everything in it. He gives breath to everyone, life to everyone who walks the earth. And it is he who says, [6]'I, the Lord, have called you to demonstrate my righteousness. I will take you by the hand and guard you, and I will give you to my people, Israel, as a symbol of my covenant with them. And you will be a light to guide the nations. [7]You will open the eyes of the blind. You will free the captives from prison, releasing those who sit in dark dungeons." – ISAIAH 42:1-7 (NLT)

1. **To _____ God's chosen Servant**

   *"Look at* ("BEHOLD") *my servant, whom I strengthen. He is my chosen one, who pleases me."* (v. 1a, b)

2. **Who is _____ and _____ by God**

   *"I have put my Spirit upon him."* (v. 1c)

3. **Who is _____ by God**

   *"And you will be a light to guide the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind. You will free the captives from prison, releasing those who sit in dark dungeons."* (vv. 6-7)

   - To be a _____ to guide the nations – make God's salvation and justice known to all people
   - To open the _____ of the blind – let people see who the one true God really is
   - To break the chains of _____ – deliverance from sin and its power
   - To set people _____ – real deliverance from oppression and spiritual freedom from sin and blindness to God's truth

4. **To see God's _____ and _____ prevail**

   *"He will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth."* (v. 4)

   *"His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!"* ISAIAH 9:7