I. The Meaning of God's Omnipresence

- The "three omnis" aren't just theological vocabulary; they shape how we live.
- God's omnipresence means He is always with us everywhere, at all times.

II. God's Presence as Conviction

- God's constant presence exposes our sin and removes the illusion that we can hide.
- The light of Christ both comforts and reveals what's in the dark (John 8; John 3).
- Living in the light doesn't mean perfection it means honesty, repentance, and humility.

III. God's Presence as Comfort

- Presence itself has power, even when words fall short.
- God does not withdraw from us because of sin or suffering.
- Nothing can separate us from God's love (Romans 8; Isaiah 49).
- God remains with us in loneliness, grief, and darkness.

IV. God's Presence Promised in Baptism

- In baptism, God promises forgiveness and lifelong presence.
- The faith community helps turn that promise into a lived relationship of trust.

V. Moving from Knowledge to Experience

- God is always present, but we must "plug in" to experience His power.
- Prayer and Scripture are primary ways of connecting to God's presence.
- Faith grows through practice and stepping out, even imperfectly.

VI. Invitation to Respond

- Christianity is not just knowing truths about God, but knowing God Himself.
- Intentional practices help us experience God's presence daily.
- This preparation deepens our relationship with Christ during Advent and beyond.

Reflection Questions

- 1. When did you first learn that God is "always present"? How has your understanding of that changed over time?
- 2. In what ways does the idea of God's constant presence feel uncomfortable or convicting to you?
- 3. Read Romans 8:35-39. How does knowing that God already sees your sin and still loves you change the way you think about repentance and forgiveness?
- 4. Read John 3:19-21. Which image spoke to you more in this sermon: **light that exposes** or **presence that comforts**? Why?
- 5. When have you experienced the power of someone "just being there" in a difficult moment?
- 6. Read Psalm 23. Are there places in your life right now where you feel alone even if you know God is present?
- 7. What's the difference between *knowing* God is with you and *experiencing* His presence?
- 8. Which practice feels like the most realistic next step for you right now:
 - Daily personal prayer
 - o Reading Scripture on your own
 - Pausing to invite God into specific moments
- 9. What fears or excuses get in the way of stepping out in faith and connecting more deeply with God?
- 10. As you prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, what would it look like for you to grow not just in knowledge about Jesus, but in relationship with Him?