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Seek the lost, equip the saints, send the sowers

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MONDAY MORNING MUSINGS (916)

Sermon Outline and Notes November 27, 2022

Advent 1: House Cleaning—Repentance: Matthew 3.1-3

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

*"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.'"*

The Point: Look back, look within, look forward and prepare for eternity.

The Question: Is the season of Advent required for the Christian? (NO! But I judge it to be a helpful tradition.)

Advent: An ancient and mostly forgotten tradition. It started around AD 380 when a group of believers dedicated themselves to fasting, praying, and purifying their spirits for four weeks to remember the birth and life of Jesus and remember that he is coming again; the second coming is the second Advent.

Many people remember the cradle but forget the return. They remember the resurrection and forget the ascension. Remember the miracles and forget the promise. The promise is a second coming at the end of the church age.

John calls out the first step—Repent! Your body is the vessel of your spirit, and your "heart" is the house of your soul. The first step to keeping the house clean is repentance. Looking for the sin you tracked into your house, then feeling sorrow for your transgressions, and asking God, in truth, to help you avoid them in the future.

Look back Titus 3.4-6 Look back: Remember where you came from, the journey, and the road since your burial and resurrection through baptism. Remember your failures and the victories the LORD gave you. Before Jesus, I was. How I met Jesus. Since I believed, I am.

Look within: I Cor 11.26 At least weekly, inspect your house. Look for your forgotten sin as you study the Bible and prayer. Did I write weekly? Daily is better. No pillow is as soft as a clean conscience before God.

Look forward to the promise: *Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. John 14.13*

We encourage you to watch the worship service and message on YouTube.

Preacher Bill

Colossians 1.17

Church Servants

December 4, 2022

Serving the Table: J Corbet

Communion Preparation:

Worship Team: P Corbet

Musicians: L Burkholder/C Graf/J Dwyer/D Hays/

B Long/P Long/D Ritenour

Attendance

11/27/22

S.S.-

Worship

Offering

46

\$1,098.00



Up & Coming Activities In Our Family. . .

December 1 Zoom Bible Study, 6:30

December 3 Men's Breakfast/Bible Study, 8 am

December 24 Christmas Eve Service, 6 pm

December 25 Christmas Morning Service

Zoom Prayer Meeting is held every Mon at 6:30 pm.

If you do not have a code and wish to participate, email the church for a code/invitation.

The latest Kairos is now available on YouTube.

Serving the Table in December:

04 – J Corbet

11 – J Kattine

18 – B Lott

25 – J Corbet

A BIG Thank you to all who stayed after church to make out sanctuary beautiful for this Christmas season.

**O Come All Ye Faithful
(Adeste Fideles)**

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

God of God
Light of light
Lo He abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God
Begotten not created

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God
In the highest

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing