

GRACE AT HOME



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

May the righteous flourish in his days and well-being abound. – Psalm 122:1

John the Baptist paved the way for the Messiah's public ministry by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. As the Church awaits Christ's return, his reign of righteousness, justice and peace continues to guide his followers until he returns in glory. In the meantime, we wait patiently, filled with joy and the power of the Holy Spirit, who sends us into the world to proclaim the Good News of Christ.

HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING!

Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is nigh" it
Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the earth - bound
Lo, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with par - don
So when next he comes in glo - ry, And the world is

seems to say, "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
soul a - rise; Christ her sun, all ill dis - pell - ing,
down from heav'n; Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
wrapped in fear, With his mer - cy may he shield us,

O ye chil - dren of the day."
Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
One and all to be for - giv'n.
And with words of love draw near.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 72

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12

QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

- 1) What does it mean to repent? Why does John call for people to repent?
- 2) Why do you think John was dressed so "different"? What or who would/should be the equivalent of John today?
- 3) What did people do when they came to John for baptism?
- 4) What does it mean to "produce fruit in keeping with repentance"?
- 5) What is it that John says about Jesus?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



TEAM 784

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. – Psalm 78:4



Sundays, 9:15am

Dec. 4th...No Class (Figgy Pudding Sunday)

Dec. 11th...David anointed as king (1 Samuel 16)

Dec. 14th...Advent Wednesday Soup Supper & Last Minute Nativity Play

Dec. 18th...Elijah and the Poor Widow (1 Kings 17)

Dec. 25th...MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

DAILY READINGS

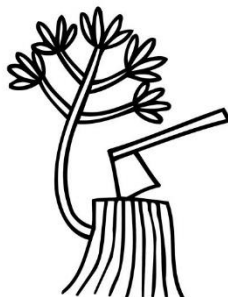
Mon. - Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thess. 4:1-12

Tues. - Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21

Wed. - Genesis 15:1-18; Matt. 12:33-37

Thur. - Psalm 21; 2 Peter 3:1-18

Fri. - Psalm 146; Luke 3:1-18



CATECHISM CORNER

THE 6TH COMMANDMENT

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God so that we may lead a chaste and decent life in word and deed, and each love and honor his spouse.

GOD'S WORD BY HEART

(December)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. - **Isaiah 9:2**

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Find the 36 **bold** words from Matthew 3:1-6 (ESV)

J O R D A N R I V E R F T H V
F O O D Y L O A N L G Z N E O
S T R A I G H T O O N C E A I
C C W E R E L R W J I B M V C
S S E N R E D L I W H A R E E
G B H J B A P A M V C P A N H
N N A A U P P E Y H A T G D P
I Y I P I D L E N S E I H P Q
Y J E S T A E B R T R S A K R
R O E N S I S A I P P T I E S
C H R U O E Z I A Y H N H L N
O N R M R H F E H S G T E N I
T E H P O R P N D D A M L I S
J L O C U S T S O E A E R O W
N E K O P S U M L C T S I A W

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**.’” Now **John** **wore** a **garment** of **camel’s hair** and a **leather belt** around his **waist**, and his **food** was **locusts** and **wild honey**. Then **Jerusalem** and all **Judea** and all the region about the **Jordan** were going out to him, and they were **baptized** by him in the **river** **Jordan**, **confessing** their **sins**.