

# 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 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, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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*

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*Sundays, 9:15am*

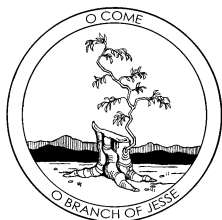
*Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> ...Rededication of the Temple*

*Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> ...Term Review Games*

*Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> ...NO CLASS*

*Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> ...NO CLASS*

*Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> ...NO CLASS*



## DAILY READINGS

Mon. - Heb 4; Acts 11:19-26

Tues. - Heb 6; Acts 12:6-19

Wed. - Heb 7:11-28; Acts 13:13-41

Thur. - Heb 9:11-28; Acts 13:42-51

Fri. - Heb 10:1-25; Acts 14:8-28

## GOD'S WORD BY HEART

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.  
- Isaiah 7:14

## CATECHISM CORNER

### THE CONCLUSION

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*What does this mean?*

That I should be certain that such petitions are acceptable to and heard by our Father in heaven, for he himself commanded us to pray like this and has promised to hear us. "Amen, amen" means "Yes, yes, it is going to come about just like this."

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