

Advent 2020
November 29th, 2020 to December 20th, 2020
Lectionary and Worship Notes

Sunday, November 29, 2020 Advent 1

Lessons

- Isaiah 64:1-9 A message of hope is announced by the prophet who offers us a glimpse of anticipation of the return of God.
- Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Anticipating the day of the Lord, it is God who strengthens us to be blameless on that day.
- Mark 13:24-27 Jesus offers a vision for all to know when the Son of Man returns.

Advent Wreath Message: Light One Candle for Hope
Advent Wreath Prayer: We light this candle with hope. O Lord, all earth is hopeful for the Savior comes at last! This hope opens our lives to the holy creative task of laboring and struggling to see how God's truth and justice set everybody free. May this light of hope burn within us forever. Amen

Prayer of the Day: Lord Jesus, you came to us in a lowly manger, now as we anticipate your return, fill us with hope and wonder as we look to the signs that your coming among us has already happened, that we do not wait for a future date but see you living and reigning among us already today. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Living the Creed: At-home-advent wreath devotion based on hope.
Communion Sunday

- Worship Assistant: Heide Gallagher
Wreath Lighting Video: Butch and Kaye Johnson
Musician: Jamie Reynolds
Prelude Music: All Earth is Hopeful
Hymns: #275, Angels From the Realm of Glory; #257, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; #260, The King Shall Come

Sunday, December 6, 2020 Advent 2

Lessons

- Isaiah 40:1-11 The prophet offers comfort to the people with a message that the Lord is coming
- Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
- 2 Peter 3:8-15a As we wait for the Lord's return, strive for peace and right living

Mark 1:1-8 John the Baptist echoes the prophecy of Isaiah and announces the return of the Lord.

Advent Wreath Message: Light One Candle for Peace
Advent Wreath Prayer: We light this candle with peace. Comfort, O God, comfort your people with a message of peace. Comfort those who sit in darkness, under the burden of mourning. Proclaim, O God, the message of renewal. Assure, O God, that your peace reigns forever. May this light of peace burn within us forever. Amen

Prayer of the Day Lord Jesus, you were born to humble parents in a remote village. Now as we anticipate your return, fill us with peace. Release us from our anxieties, loosen the weight of all our burdens. Nurture us in a trusting peace that is grounded in the reality of your kingdom among us today. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Living the Creed: An at-home devotion based on peace.
Communion Sunday

Worship Assistant: Doug Cruce
Wreath Lighting Video: Cecil and Kay Lovdahl
Musician: Janice Algren
Prelude Music:
Hymns:

Sunday, December 13, 2020 Advent 3

Lessons

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 The Spirit of the Lord has anointed the one who brings the message of Good News, a message of salvation from God.
Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 St. Paul offers advice for how to live as we anticipate the return of the Lord
John 1:6-8, 19-28 John the Baptist is not the Messiah, he came to testify to who the Messiah is, the Light from God.

Advent Wreath Message: Light One Candle for Joy
Advent Wreath Prayer: We light this candle with joy, O Lord. For the Lord is come and the earth rejoices in her king. Prepare our hearts, O Lord, that we may sing with all heaven and nature at the sound of this good news. May this light of joy burn within us forever. Amen

Prayer of the Day Lord Jesus, you came to us and were greeted by the lowest of society. Now as we anticipate your return, fill us with the same joy of those shepherds, who longed to know God had value and worth and love for them. Remind us

that our worth is not based on what we do, but what you have done for us. Let that Good News be the joy which sustains our soul in every circumstance. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Living the Creed An at-home Advent Wreath Activity based on Joy
Communion Sunday

Worship Assistant:
Wreath Lighting Video:
Musician:
Prelude Music
Hymns

Janice Algren

Sunday, December 20, 2020 Advent 4

Lessons

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 God establishes a covenant with David, the royal house of Israel shall always be of David's line.

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27 The message of the Gospel is to bring about faithfulness to the only God, and Jesus Christ.

Luke 1:26-38 the angel Gabriel visits Mary and announces God's covenant will be fulfilled through her son.

Advent Wreath Message: Light a Candle for Love

Advent Wreath Prayer: We light this candle in love, O Lord. Your love has come, a light in the darkness. Your love which once shone over the Bethlehem skies, today brightens our skies. We proclaim with all heaven the song of joy arising, born as the Savior, living as God's own glory on high. May this light of love burn within us forever. Amen

Prayer of the Day Lord Jesus, at the time appointed by God, you came to us through a young woman who faithfully said yes. May we be as faithful as Mary as we receive you in our lives today and carry out our role in proclaiming your Good News to the whole creation. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Living the Creed An at-home advent wreath activity based on love.

Worship Assistant: Pam Best
Wreath Lighting Video:
Musician: Jamie Reynolds
Prelude Music: Mary, Did You Know
Hymns: #279, O Little Town of Bethlehem; #265, The Angel Gabriel; #292, Love Has Come