

Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical calendar. It is a time to step aside and prepare as we recall and celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's Son. We also look forward with great anticipation to Christ's eventual return. Over the next four weeks we will turn our attention away from the secular trappings of the world and focus upon the traditional Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

As we prepare our hearts, our sanctuary, and our homes to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we will re-visit familiar scriptures that foretold the coming of Immanuel — *God with Us*. Use the scriptures provided for personal or family meditation and reflection. Be sure to attend worship each Sunday and reflect on the scriptures, songs, and messages of each service.

Throughout the coming month let's turn our attention to Advent, to consider Christ's coming — God's continual 'nearness'. As God is very present in our lives, may we look for ways to show God's presence to those we encounter daily. The world needs to experience the hope, peace, joy, and love God offers. The world needs to know the truth — Jesus Christ, Immanuel has come!

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## **READINGS FOR ADVENT**

### **November 28, 2021 Attend Worship, 11:00 AM**

- November 29, 2021 Isaiah 7:14-17
- November 30, 2021 Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
- December 1, 2021 Isaiah 11:1-10
- December 2, 2021 Isaiah 40:1-5
- December 3, 2021 Isaiah 40:9-11
- December 4, 2021 Isaiah 52:7-10

### **December 5, 2021 Attend Worship, 11:00 AM**

- December 6, 2021 Isaiah 60:1-3
- December 7, 2021 Jeremiah 33:14-16
- December 8, 2021 Psalm 95:1-7

- December 9, 2021 Haggai 2:6-7
- December 10, 2021 Malachi 3:1-3
- December 11, 2021 Luke 1:26-33

**December 12, 2021 Attend Worship, 11:00 AM**

- December 13, 2021 Luke 1:34-38
- December 14, 2021 Luke 1:39-45
- December 15, 2021 Luke 1:46-56
- December 16, 2021 Luke 1:57-66
- December 17, 2021 Luke 1:67-80
- December 18, 2021 Luke 2:1-7

**December 19, 2021 Attend Worship, 11:00 AM**

- December 20, 2021 Luke 2:8-24
- December 21, 2021 Luke 2:25-32
- December 22, 2021 Luke 2:33-40
- December 23, 2021 Matthew 1:18-24
- December 24, 2021 Matthew 2:1-12 (Attend worship, 5:00 PM)
- December 25, 2021 John 1:1-5

**December 26, 2021 Attend Worship, 11:00 AM**