



Condit Presbyterian Church

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL



Advent 1 Sunday, Nov. 28 - Saturday, Dec. 4

Light the First Advent Candle

Reader - This is the candle of Hope. (light candle)

Response - We look forward to Jesus' coming with hope.

Daily Scriptures and Stories

Sunday - Jeremiah 1:4-10

Monday - Jeremiah 32:6-15

Tuesday - Jeremiah 33:14-16

Wednesday - Psalm 25:1-10

Thursday - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-10

Friday - 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

Saturday - Luke 21:25-36

Questions to Ponder

1. What did you hear today that gives you hope?
2. Consider how hope that is confident in the promises of God casts out fear.
3. Consider how you might live differently when you trust in God's promises.
4. Consider how you might share this hope with someone you know this week.

Prayer

Faithful God, how good it is to remember that you keep your promises. Let this Advent be a time for us to remember that you love us and tell us over and over again to live in your hope. When we see a new branch growing out of an old stump, we know that the hope you offer us is true. Help us to live into your hope everyday as we share this hope with others. Amen.

Advent 2 Sunday, Dec. 5 - Saturday, Dec. 11

Light the First and Second Advent Candles

First Reader - This is the candle of Hope. (light candle)

Second Reader - This is the candle of Peace. (light candle)

Response - Thank you God for messages and messengers of hope.

Daily Scripture

Sunday - Malachi 3:1-4

Monday - Isaiah 40:3-5

Tuesday - Luke 1:5-20, 57-66

Wednesday - Luke 1:67-79

Thursday - Luke 3:1-6

Friday - Isaiah 43:18-19

Saturday - Philippians 1:3-11

Questions to Ponder

1. What promises did you hear in today's reading?
2. Consider what the peace that God promises looks like for our world.
3. Consider how God's special messenger prepared the world for change.
4. Consider how you can also to be a messenger of God's and peace in the world.

Prayer

Faithful God, with you the impossible is possible. With you real peace is possible. With you living in peace, sharing peace with others, and the foretelling of your dreams of peace are made real. Your kingdom come, O Lord, your kingdom come. Amen.

Advent 3 Sunday, Dec. 12 - Saturday, Dec. 18

Light the First, Second & Third Advent Candles

First Reader - This is the candle of Hope. (light candle)

Second Reader - This is the candle of Peace. (light candle)

Third Reader - This is the candle of Joy. (light candle)

Response - We lift our voices in praise and joy for what is about to happen.

Daily Scripture

Sunday - Zephaniah 3:14-20

Monday - Isaiah 12:2-6

Tuesday - Philippians 4:4-7

Wednesday - Luke 3:7-17

Thursday - John 1:1-9, 14-15

Friday - Luke 1:26-38

Saturday - Matthew 1:18-25

Questions to Ponder

1. What did you hear today that brings you great joy?
2. Consider what brings God great joy.
3. How do show others that you are filled with joy? What do you do and say?
4. Think of specific ways you can share your Advent joy with others this week.

Prayer

God of all joy, we are filled with praise for you today. We celebrate the growing light of the Advent candles and the knowledge that Jesus is coming to live among us. Like John, we want to tell others you that Jesus' arrival changes everything. With lights, and song, and dancing we say thank you. Amen.

Advent 4 Sunday, Dec. 19 - Saturday, Dec. 23

Light the Four Advent Candles

First Reader - This is the candle of Hope. (light candle)

Second Reader - This is the candle of Peace. (light candle)

Third Reader - This is the candle of Joy. (light candle)

Fourth Reader - This is the candle of Love. (light candle)

Response - Thank you God for your love for Mary, Joseph and all who cared for them. Thank you God for your love for us all.

Daily Scripture

Sunday - Luke 1:39-45

Monday - Luke 1:46-56

Tuesday - Psalm 130

Wednesday - Luke 1:57-66

Thursday - Micah 5:2-5a

Questions to Ponder

1. What did you hear today that reveals God's love to you?
2. Consider a time when you saw someone you loved very much cared for you when you really needed it. How did they show they cared? How did you feel to receive such care? How did you say thank you?
3. Consider how waiting for something can prepare you for what is yet to come.
4. Consider how you might share God's love with someone this week.

Prayer

We thank you God for those who have shown us how to trust you. We thank you for your deep love and care for Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, and Zechariah; for your promises that all would be well and that through their faithfulness your Son would come into our world and live among us. Amen.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Friday, Dec. 24 - Saturday, Dec. 25

Light the Advent Candles and the Christ Candle

All - This is the candle of Hope. (light candle)

This is the candle of Peace. (light candle)

This is the candle of Joy. (light candle)

This is the candle of Love. (light candle)

This is the Christ candle (light center candle) Thank you God for the birth of Jesus, your Son, who brings hope, peace, joy and love to our world.

Daily Scripture

Christmas Eve - Luke 2:1-14

Saturday - Isaiah 9:2-7

Questions to Ponder

1. Consider what Mary might be pondering in her heart.
2. What are you pondering in your heart today?
3. How will you, like the shepherds, tell those you meet about this special day?

Prayer

Loving God, we cannot find words to say how we feel today. Our hearts are overflowing with joy. In our silence we are so very thankful for the birth of your Son, Jesus. This is the greatest gift of all. Amen.