

Advent 2022

Can You Hear That Too?

December 4, 2022

Waiting...with HOPE!

Three movements:

1. Waiting for Christmas.
2. Waiting for Jesus' 2nd Coming.
3. Waiting with God

Enter Cousin Eddie, I mean, John the Baptist

What are the implications of his message?

What are the implications of his role?

A God who has standards for our/my way of living?

A Key Narrative

A probing question,
What's the stuff God has been talking to you about?

If you would like to observe Advent by doing the daily readings, below are this week's readings:

Matthew 3v1-12

1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

4 Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

- Sunday, December 4, 2022:** Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12
Monday, December 5, 2022: Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Tuesday, December 6, 2022: Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21
Wednesday, December 7, 2022: Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37
Thursday, December 8, 2022: Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10
Friday, December 9, 2022: Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18
Saturday, December 10, 2022: Psalm 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18

Link to Daily Readings: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=A>

Another option is to incorporate the readings into your Google Calendar or iCal. To do so, visit webcal://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/feeds/lectionary-daily.ics and follow the provided instructions.

Songs: Simple Man (Preview), Bright Star, Move, Come to Us O Lord, Light of the World, Let Us Adore
Looking to Connect?: One of the staff would love to meet for a walk, on the phone, or for a beverage. To schedule a time please visit our website and click on the "Meet with Staff" button on the home page.