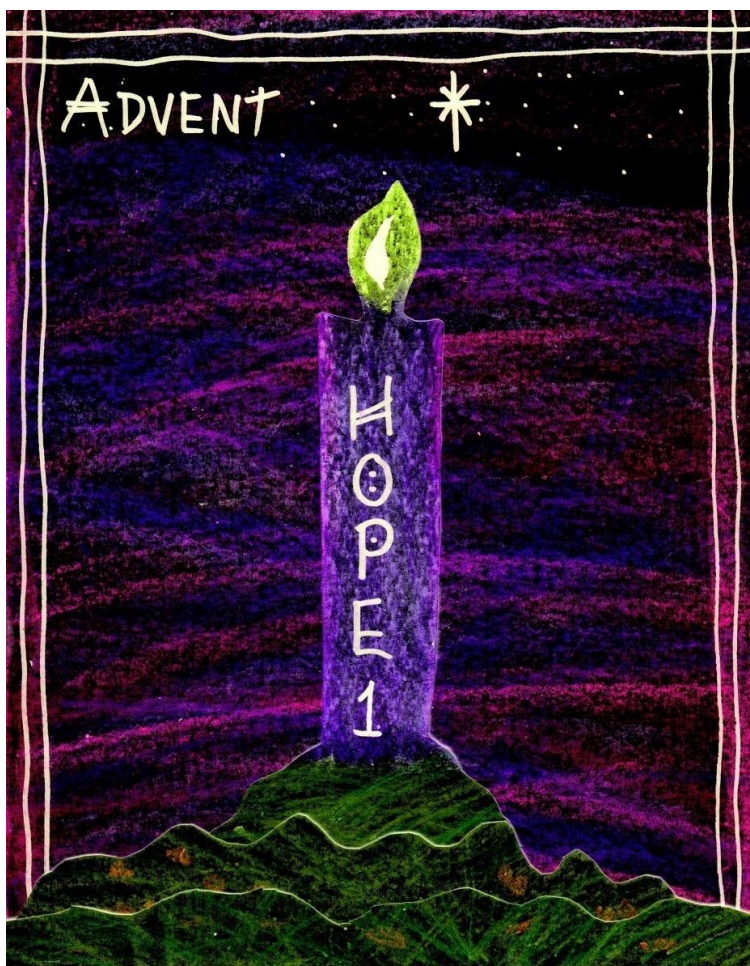


Apprentices of Jesus for the building of God's Kingdom



*st. Timothy's
Anglican Church*

December 03, 2017
Advent 1
10:00 am Communion

OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

	Today	Next Week
Presider	Rev. Anthony Kwaw	Rev. Regula Brandle
Preacher	Rev. Anthony Kwaw	Rev. Regula Brandle
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Timmies (Gr.1-6)	Mrs. Carrie/Pastor Regula	
Youth(Gr.7-12)	Helping at Bissell	
Security	Grant Keir	Jackie Gaskin
Coffee		

***Thank you all for your Respective Roles and Participation in today's
Worship Service - Rev. Anthony***

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS (Advent 2)

Isaiah 40: 1-11 | 2 Peter 3:8-15a | Mark 1:1-8

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Welcome! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. If, at any time during the service, you need help finding your way around please don't hesitate to ask one of the sides persons (or your neighbor) for assistance - we are happy to help. And, immediately after the service we gather for fellowship, coffee and snacks. We would love for you join us.



Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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The Celebrant welcomes the Congregation



The Blessing of the Advent Wreath

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord

A: Who has made heaven and earth

L: Let us pray, O God, by whose word all things are made holy,
Pour forth your blessings upon this wreath, grant that we who use it
may prepare Our hearts for the coming of Christ.

A: Amen

Lightening of the Advent Wreath - (The West Family)

Reader 1: O God, we light the first candle of Advent.

Reader 2: We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to
break through and reign with compassion, love, and peace.

Reader 3: The prophet Isaiah also called to God to tear open heaven and
come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called
them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This
Advent, we call out to our God.

**All: Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that
keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and to change
us into your image. This Advent visit us with your justice,
love, and peace.**

Sing: Light one candle

Light one candle for hope,
One bright candle for hope,
Christ brings hope to everyone,
He comes, He comes.

Children's Focus



L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

A: And also with you.

L: Almighty God

**A: To you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie (sung together):

#705

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Prayer of the Day:

**A: Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility,
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the
life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

L: We Hear God's Word:



1st Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

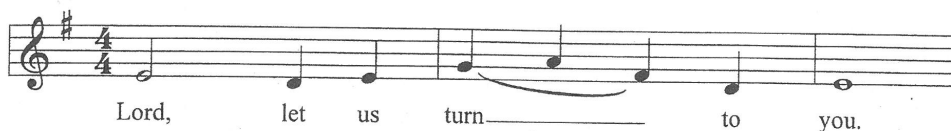
Old Testament p.694

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 80: 1-7, 16-18

BAS(Green Book) p.812



2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

New Testament p. 166

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God!



(Please stand and face the Gospel reader)

Gospel Hymn: Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near

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L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

A:  **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37

New Testament p. 50

L: The Gospel of Christ

A:  **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Gospel Hymn: Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near

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Sermon: (Please be seated)



We respond to God's Word: (Minister and People together, all standing)

L. Let us confess our faith, as we say,

A: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



All Sing: Now dear Lord as we pray: Ralph Carmichael CCLI Song # 140024

Now dear Lord as we pray
Take our hearts and minds far away
From the press of the world all around
To Thy throne where grace doth abound
May our lives be transformed by Thy love
May our souls be refreshed from above
At this moment let people ev'rywhere
Join us now as we come to Thee in prayer

Prayers of the People: (Please kneel or be seated)

This week our cycle of prayer for the Church includes:

Parish Family: Carrie & Jeff Watt, Muriel Watterworth and their families

Prayer Requests: Ida, Barbara, Harold, Martin, Alisa, Julie,
Dorrie, Gail, Kelly, Gerry, Eileen, Audrey, Elsie, Una, Sandra, Maureen

Bissell Centre: Remember in prayer the volunteers from St. Timothy's who are worshipping and serving lunch at the Bissell Centre today, Pastor Rick Chapman from the ICPM and the inner city parishioners of St. Emmanuel Parish as well as those who come to find a warm and welcoming place for a generous lunch.

Diocese: Good Shepherd, Edmonton: Jordan Ware, Rector; Danielle Lepine, Parish Administrator.

Buyé Diocese: Gatukuza Parish: Archdeacon Jean Berchmans Mweningoma, Rector.

Aboriginal Community: Red Earth First Nation Reserve, The Rev. Rita Nawakayas, Rector of St. Stephen's, Red Earth, SK. Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation

Canada: Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh; the Rt. Rev. Lydia Mamakwa, Bishop.

World: West Buganda - (Uganda) The Rt. Rev. Henry Katumba-Tamale

Confession & Absolution:

L: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

L: Most merciful God,

**A. we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy upon us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

L: Almighty God,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen



The Peace: (please stand)

L: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

A: And also with you.

*The members of the community, ministers and people, speak the
Lord's peace into each other's lives.*

*Offertory Hymn: Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus
Offerings are given*

#88

Prayer over the gifts.

**A: God of love and power, your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Celebrate Communion:

L: The Lord be with you. **A: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **A: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (x2)

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. (x2)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (x2)

- L: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

- L: Therefore we proclaim our hope.

Dying you destroyed our death,

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- A:  **Rising you restored our life.**

Lord Jesus come in glory.

- L: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

- A: Amen.



L: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**A: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

L: God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**A: Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

L: The gifts of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

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Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

All baptized Christians regardless of denomination are welcome to receive communion. It is our custom to either stand or kneel to receive Communion; the greeters will ensure that communion is offered to those who cannot walk to the rail. Those not wishing to receive communion are welcome to come forward & receive a prayer of blessing.

*Hymn after Communion : Northern Advent Words and music: Ian Macdonald
Common Cup Company; Used with permission*

Verse 1 November feels so final: the trees so bleak and stark,
The land so cold and silent, our hearts November dark;
Like land that waits for sunrise, shivering till the dawn,
Keeping watch this Northern Advent,
We sing out life's true song.

Chorus We are not the morning, we are not the dawn;
We are just the land that waits the first light of the sun.

Verse 2 Winter holds us in her pocket, snow cover life in drifts
The frost shapes patterns on the glass showing every human rift;
The poor, the frail, the lonely wait in winter's deep despair,
Keeping watch this Northern Advent for the birth-cry of your care.

Chorus We are not the ...

Verse 3 In our November endings, winter fears of grief and loss,
Keep all that's human holy, through your Advent, Birth and Cross.
Sun's low on the horizon, our nights outlast our days
Keeping watch this Northern Advent, we await your coming grace.

Chorus We are not the ...

Chorus We are not the ...

Anthem: Gabriel's Message - Basque Carol



Prayer after communion is led by the minister (Kneel or sit)

**A: God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen**



Please stand to give Glory to God

L: Glory to God,

**A: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing: (given by the minister)

Recessional Hymn: Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding

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L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Choral Amen

A time of quiet concludes the service. At this time you wish to remain and pray or exit for coffee and fellowship. Following this time of quiet a postlude may be played.

— Please join us for fellowship following the service —

CALENDAR

Dec	03	Sun	8:30 am.	Corporate Communion & Breakfast
			10:00 am	Advent 1, Lunch at the Bissell Centre
	07	Thu	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	10	Sun	8:30 am	Advent 2
			10:00 am	Advent 2, Family Service
	13	Wed	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
	17	Sun	8:30 am	Advent 3
			10:00 am	Advent 3, Lessons & Carols
	19	Tue	10:30 am	Lynnwood
	24	Sun	8:30 am	Advent 4
			10:00 am	Advent 4
			5:00 pm	Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist (BAS)
			9:00 pm	Christmas Service & Holy Eucharist (BAS)
	25	Sun	10:00 am	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist (BAS)
	31	Sun	8:30 am	The Sunday after Christmas Day
			10:00 am	First Sunday after Christmas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy December Birthday to: Muriel Watterworth, Jeff Watt, Alex Mudage - on Christmas Day!, Andrew West, Lynne Reckhow, Meghan Ropchan, Bob Lang.

Please see Pamela Graham to add your name to the calendar.

Change of date for our monthly family service:

Traditionally, our family service takes place on the first Sunday of every month. However, because of our Bissell Center Mission on Sunday, December 03, of which our youth will be part, I have deemed it fitting to move our Family Service to December 10, so that our youth can be part of it, and participate as usual. Thank you for your understanding.

Altar Guild News: Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated towards the purchase of Poinsettia Plants for our Advent and Christmas services.

Outreach: Blessings Offering Sunday for the ICPM - Today is Blessings Offering Sunday in support of the Inner City Pastoral Ministry! We are designating to ICPM the Blessings offering given today while our volunteers are at the Centre serving the lunch meal. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry for our sisters and brothers in need in the inner city.

Please put donations in the Blessings Jar.

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the lunch being served today at the Bissell Centre and to those who volunteered their time to attend the worship service and prepare and serve the lunch.

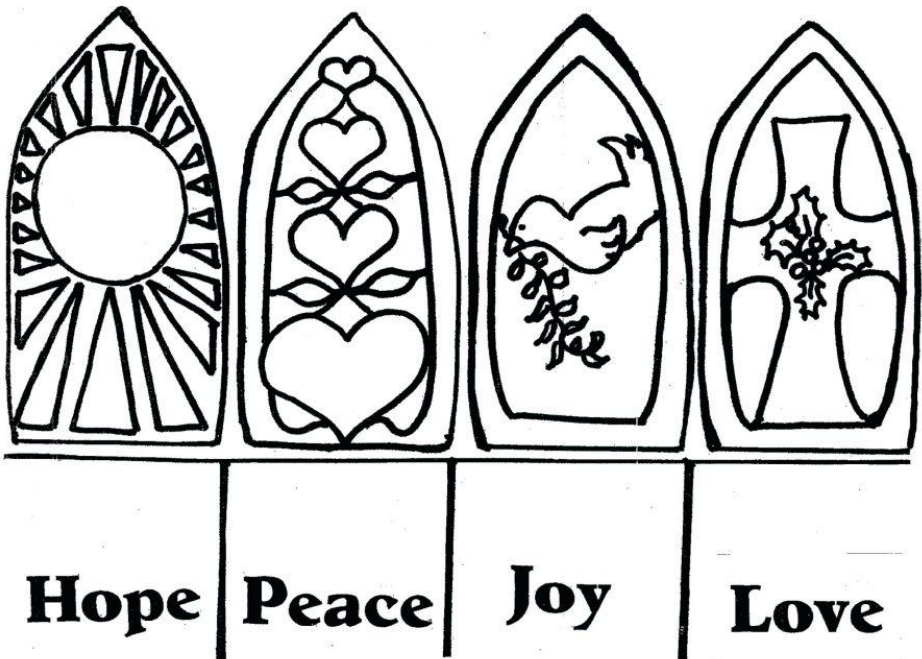
ACW will be selling baked goodies next Sunday December 10, 2017

Church Calendars - for sale; \$5:00 from any ACW Member.

Christmas Hampers - St. Timothy's will once again be participating in the *Christmas Bureau Hampers Program*. If you wish to contribute to this worthy cause, please make out your cheque to St. Timothy's Parish and mark it "Outreach". Hampers will be delivered in December.

Today: Please return your completed questionnaire re St. Timothy's financial situation Nov. 26/17

Assistive Listening System Evaluation - Do you wear a hearing aid? Do you have trouble hearing the service? Don't worry if you answered yes to these questions, the problem is not you. This is a common problem with hear loss and hearing aids. But, there are systems that can help. One of these is an inductive loop system. We will installing a temporary loop system to evaluate its effectiveness and hope you will participate (if you have a hearing aid). The one catch is that your hearing aid must have a telecoil (T-coil). For more information about the project and loop systems please grab a leaflet from the back. To help us with the evaluation part, please let the office know (email, phone or note) that you will be participating. The evaluation will start on December 17th. The other catch is that for the polit you will need sit in the pews on the south side (right side as you face the altar).



The Rector's Corner – "You might want to read it"

All I Need

"I shall lack Nothing" (Psalm 23 :1)

'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing.' It is strange how few people today display the spirit of contentment that is suggested by this verse. Instead, corruptions, the cost of living high (trying to keep up with the Jones) and many other forms of greed illustrate the truth of the words: **'For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil'** (1Timothy 6:10). Christians are told: *'Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you."* So, we say with confidence, **"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid"** (Hebrews 13:5&6).

Who will be content? Who will lack nothing? It is those who can say with conviction, **'The Lord is my helper,'** or **'The Lord is my shepherd.'** And if the Lord is my shepherd, then he provides all I need. He leads and feeds me, He comforts, restores and protects me.

He meets my spiritual needs. Only the Lord can meet our need for God's love and forgiveness, and for assurance about the future in the face of death. God has *'blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ'* (Ephesians 1:3).

He also meets my material needs, so that I have enough for myself, and some to give to God's work. Over and over again, people have proven that God is no man's debtor. I heard of a farmer who gave away large sums of money, and yet remained prosperous. People could not understand how this could happen, but the farmer said to them, ***'It is like this. I keep shovelling into God's bin, and God keeps shovelling into my bin – but God has a far bigger shovel.'***

The truth is that if I am at the centre of my life, and God is only around to help me from time to time, then I may well lack all kinds of things. But if I know and believe that ***the Lord is my Lord and my shepherd***, then how can I possibly doubt his provision for all my needs? How can possibly I refrain from giving for the work of God's church? Believe it or not, God's shovel is bigger than ours. Test Him, and you will see it for yourself!

Prayer: *Father, thank you for everything you give me, and for so generously meeting my needs. I have come to know and believe that your shovel is far bigger than mine. Help me to remember you and the work of your church whenever I am making financial decisions. Amen!*

THE MEANING OF ADVENT

MY NAME IS _____

THE COLOR OF ADVENT IS PURPLE. THERE ARE THREE PURPLE ADVENT CANDLES, AND ONE ROSE-COLORED. THE CHRIST CANDLE IS PURE WHITE!

Adam and Eve disobeyed God and lost heaven, but He promised to send them a redeemer. God's prophets announced that the Messiah was coming! We hope and believe that Jesus will come again in glory.

This special candle symbolizes Jesus. The word *Messiah* means "the Anointed One," which is the same as our word, *Christ*. Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, who came to shine in the darkness. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

God chose Mary to be the mother of His Son. The angel Gabriel announced to Mary: "Hail Mary, full of grace. Do not be afraid, for the Lord is with you!" The angel wanted Mary to feel God's peace, which Jesus came to bring us.

When Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem, there was no room for them at the inn. This final week of Advent, ask God to help you prepare room in your heart for Jesus. Love others as He has loved you.

Joseph and Mary were joyful as they traveled to Bethlehem, because Jesus was with them as an unborn child in Mary's womb. We are joyful as His birth draws near.

Fill in the candle names using the text above as your guide.

CHRIST • HOPE • JOY • PEACE • LOVE

The Waiting Place

"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. Mark 13:35 (NIV)

Based on Mark 13:32-37 (NIV)



V B H D H P R E G W S W H O L
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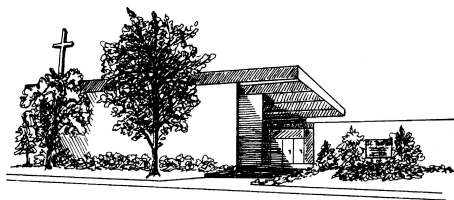
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