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1st Sunday of Advent Year A November 30th

Presenter: Catherine Pepper

Focus Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Message: 7 minutes 5 seconds

"Waiting with Intention this Advent"

Discussion Starters

1. What stood out to you the most when listening to this message today?
2. How do you usually approach Advent? Are there changes you would like to make this year?
3. In what ways is your church practicing peace making? Are there any ways you can live in the light of the Lord and prepare to walk in God's paths this coming church year?
4. In what ways does your local community need to hear Isaiah's vision of turning swords into ploughshares? How can you use Advent to help you explore this question?

Readings for this day

Psalms 122 The hymn of praise for Jerusalem announces the city's security for the people and the prayer that its walls continue to offer peace

Romans 13:11-14 Paul calls the church of Rome to awaken and "behave appropriately" (v13) to be enveloped in the presence of the Risen Savior.

Matthew 24:36-44 Without warning, both death and salvation come to us. Vigilance is required, for the unexpected is inevitable.

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All Age Message: Catherine Pepper

"Waiting for Christmas"

Length: 3 mins 30 seconds

Precis of AAM These days we are not good at waiting. The digital age takes us to the next level! Advent is a time of hopeful waiting, not only for presents, but for Jesus. Isaiah talked about becoming peacemakers, caring for one another. Advent is a time of hopeful waiting.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 122 – page 340

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