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3rd Sunday of Advent Year A December 14th 2025

Presenter: Rev Prof Bill Loader "Catching up with Jesus"

Focus Reading: Matthew 11:2-11 Message: 5 minutes 40 seconds

Discussion Starters

- 1. What caught YOUR interest in the presentation?
- 2. What has been YOUR experience of moving on from first basis (that is, from message and experience of forgiveness)?
- 3. What was John's problem and what was Jesus' answer and why does it matter?
- 4. How might being good news for the poor express itself in YOUR community?

Readings for this day

Isaiah 35:1-10 Sorrow and need are staples of life, but God makes healing and nurture the Holy Way.

Psalm 146:5-10 The goodness of the Lord is extolled in all the ways that wholeness is created for those who are broken: the oppressed are given justice, the hungry are fed, the ill are healed. All of this is the work of the Lord.

James 5: 7-10 We await the coming of the Lord with patience, even as the prophets did: speaking "in the name of the Lord," the place of strength that enables patience.

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All Age Address: Rev Prof Bill Loader "G O D and D O G"

Length: 3mins 5 seconds

Precis of AAA With the alphabet letters, they can be used to make a lot of interesting words! 'Dog' is 'God' backwards. Our family dogs are always loving and kind and want to be with us all the time. We see kindness and love in a pet dog – God is there with kindness and love too and his forgiveness is always there as well.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 146:5-10 - page 352-353

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