



REDEEMER EBLAST 12/9

Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal) Sayre PA

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During the season of Advent, our weekly electronic mailing will feature a devotion and reflection for your use. We hope it equips you for your Advent journey.

Reflections/Devotions for an Advent Journey (From *Sundays and Seasons Year C 2013 Augsburg Fortress*)

Highways, pathways, gates, and journeys figure prominently in the imagery of Advent. We hear the voice shouting, "Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight the Path!" We witness the unexpected detours for Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph. We make way in our hearts and lives for our God. During the season of Advent, add 8 minutes of prayer to your day as one way to prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ Child. You may wish to light the candle(s) on your Advent wreath as part of your devotions.

If using an Advent wreath, you may wish to use this blessing as you light the first candle:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way. For the kingdom of heaven is near. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, That we may be a light shining in the darkness Welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us, For he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

G.P.S. (God's Positioning System). What are your expectations for the Messiah? Likely not a tiny child ushering in a new vision of peace. Through the coming of Christ, God repositions and reorients our lives. Are you ready to follow God's new direction?

Prayer:

God, of new visions, guide us along our Advent journey. Reorient our lives, lead us in the way of peace, and grant us your spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9 or click here:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+11%3A1-9&version=NRSV>

Second Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 or click here:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+1%3A18-25&version=NRSV>

LORD's Prayer

Blessing: The light of Christ illumine our path,

The love of God remain our guidepost,

And the power of the Spirit sustain our journey. Amen.



Another way to observe Advent is to have a daily meditation e-mailed to you. Sign up here to receive 24 daily meditations beginning 12/2 : www.advertword.org

Or you can find it on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter: #Advent Word

Advent Calendars

There are still a few advent calendars left. Be sure to get yours before they are all gone.

2019 Pledge Cards

Please be sure to turn in your pledge cards this weekend.

A Touch of Christmas Brass

On Sunday December 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer Larry Hoey and "A Touch of Brass" invite you to come out and enjoy glorious sounds of the season and Christmas caroling as they present their Organ and Brass concert. This is a free concert open to the community.