

Waiting With...Waiting For

November 28 – December 26, 2021

“for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people”– Luke 2:10

We wait and prepare as a community. In this season we are drawn together as people of faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Savior, let us see the ways this promise binds us together. We are not alone in our waiting. We have never been alone. We walk with those who have come before us, who made space in their lives and the world for God to come into our midst.

November 28 – Left Speechless

“The days are surely coming, says the LORD” – Jeremiah 33:14

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 1:5-25

Can we imagine a new way, something radically different from what we know? This is God’s promise to Zechariah, to Elizabeth, to us. Yet, it is such an unbelievable promise even the most faithful may not be able to hope. God is doing a new thing. Can we live in the hope of possibilities?

December 5 – Answering the Call

“For God will give you evermore the name, ‘Righteous Peace, Godly Glory’.”– Baruch 5:4

Baruch 5:1-9; Luke 1:26-38

Another unbelievable promise, yet this is received in hope. Mary answers a call to live the good news of God’s activity, of God’s coming peace in the world. God knows this is not a journey to be taken alone. It is in coming together that we can truly know and embody God’s promised peace.

December 12 – Growing Together

“For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy.”– Luke 1:44

Luke 1:39-45; Luke 1:46-56

We always have such joy in coming children. It is hope and possibility incarnate. And to share that journey... nothing could be greater. Yet, as great as the joy of Elizabeth and Mary is in their relationship, it is enhanced incredibly by the joy the Spirit brings, the joy of even deeper relationship with God and the world, the possibilities they hold in their bodies.

December 19 – Living Love

“for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways”– Luke 1:76

Luke 1:57-66; Luke 1:67-80

New life leads to praise, shouting out in love of God and life and child. Zechariah heard the promise without hope, yet learned to hope. He delved deeply into the love of God. Not all understand this love, or can see what God is doing, but even if just a few can, the entire world will be remade.

December 24 – Emmanuel

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We have been waiting and celebrating; hoping and proclaiming. The time is now. A child is born to us this day. God’s love is incarnate in the world, a gift for all. Let us all shout the good news.

December 26 – New Paths

“they found him, sitting among the teachers, listening and asking questions.”– Luke 2:46

Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

From the moment of his birth, Jesus has been challenging the world and bringing people together in unexpected ways. This is the life that we follow, the life that has come into the world. It shows us the way and draws us out of our comfort zones.