

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 + 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 + Mark 13:33-37



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At a recent family gathering we were delighted by the presence of an active three-year-old. He would be playing with trucks or singing along with a video, or jumping on your lap for a hug, and then suddenly out of sight. Where did he go now? What was he up to? Maybe he was doing something mischievous, maybe something cute or creative, maybe just tired and ready for a nap. Whatever, it was important not to miss it. We had to be watchful and alert.

When must we be watchful? Be alert to what? Today's scriptures advise us to watch for the "coming of the Lord." Each day, do we recognize the ways and times God comes to us? Perhaps it is . . .

When we are moved by beauty or the kindness of another?

When we make a mistake and realize our own ineptitude?

In letting go of our ideas to achieve a greater good?

Or maybe when we get a creative insight?

When we avoid judging another?

When we have questions with no clear answers and dwell in mystery?

In the quiet times of prayer?

When we pause during these hectic days and are moved by the spirit of joy and giving?

Or . . .?

At the end of each day let us recall our God experiences and continue to be watchful and alert tomorrow. For Emmanuel has come and is due to arrive anew.