

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
December 10, 2017
The Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 + 2 Peter 3:8-14 + Mark 1:1-8



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Our Advent words for last week were “Watch” and “Be Alert.” Our word for this week is “Prepare.” Of course, we’re preparing: cleaning, shopping, decorating, cooking, baking, sending cards. We’re very busy—lots to do before the great feast of Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation.

But what about our hearts? Our lives?

Isaiah invites us to make a path for the coming of our God. John the Baptist shouts in the desert “Prepare the way of the Lord”—the One whose sandal straps he is not worthy even to loosen. And in the Second Letter of Peter we are reminded that the time is short; God comes when we least expect!

God is always coming into our lives, in unexpected places and at inconvenient times. It is in the quiet, “wasted” time of just being that we prepare to welcome God’s coming:

In the request for a favor

In the crying of a child

In the unexpected delays

In the needs of our brothers and sisters

In our overwhelming awareness of the devastation of so many lives/situations in our world: fire, violence, war, abuse, displacement and destruction

Have we, are we, prepared to be the “heralds of Good News” and comfort God’s people? Will we open new doors to peace, freedom and joy? Take time. Notice what’s happening within and about you. Nourish love and joy. Move out of all that keeps you from seeing, hearing, expecting and being surprised. Prepare the Way of the Lord!!!

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