



## Weekly Scripture Readings & Sermon Summaries

### *December 2018*

#### **December 2, 2018 – First Sunday in Advent**

Psalm 89:6, 14-16, 18; Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Gospel: Luke 21:25-36  
“Watching. Waiting. Hoping.” - Sermon Text: Luke 21:25-36 - Rev. James Elsner

*As Christmas draws near, Advent provides a season of preparation for Christ’s coming. Knowing that Jesus will reappear, are you fearful? Or, Hoping?*

#### **December 9, 2018 – Second Sunday in Advent**

Psalm 66:1-12; Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-7b; Gospel: Luke 3:1-20  
“Prepare the Way” - Sermon Text: Luke 3:4b - Rev. Shayne Jonker

*Repentance and forgiveness. This is the pattern of the Christian life. This is the daily death and resurrection of those baptized into Christ. And this is how we prepare to meet the Lord Jesus in His coming to us.*

#### **December 16, 2018 – Third Sunday in Advent**

Psalm 85; Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Gospel: Luke 7:18-28  
“Are You the One?” - Sermon Text: Luke 7:18-28 - Rev. William Mueller

*Have you wondered what God was up to in your life? Don’t fret if you have – so did John the Baptist. Feel frustrated in your faith? Don’t worry – just ask the right person, like John the Baptist did. Ask Jesus in the moments of frustration and fear...and be encouraged by His answer!*

#### **December 23, 2018 – The Nativity of Our Lord—Christmas Observed**

Psalm 98; Old Testament: Titus 3:4-7; Gospel: Luke 2:1-14  
“God Comes Near!” - Sermon Text: Luke 2:9 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

*“The hopes and fears of all the years” came together over two thousand years ago in the “little town of Bethlehem.” God came near. What are your hopes this Christmas? Your fears? God comes near! “O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!”*

#### **December 30, 2018 – First Sunday after Christmas**

Psalm 111; Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40  
“In the Name of Jesus” - Sermon Text: Colossians 3:12-17 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

*As we face a new year, or at any time in the year, what is the best advice as to how we are to live? Do everything in the name of Jesus! We can live in such a manner, because of Jesus’ name!*

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