

Discipleship in Action ❖ Preparation

<p>December 2 1st Sunday in Advent Jingle Bells One ancient use of bells is as a call to prayer. Let each bell you hear today call you to love in the presence of God.</p>	<p>3 Monday O Little Town of Bethlehem Jesus was born in the middle of nowhere. Today look for Jesus in places you do not expect to see him.</p>	<p>4 Tuesday What Child Is This? Name some of the names of God -- Savior, Comforter, Creator and others -- as you give thanks to God.</p>	<p>5 Wednesday O Holy Night Tonight count the lights turned on in your house. Name that many ways God is a light in your life.</p>	<p>6 Thursday Away in a Manger A manger is a place where animals feed. Look today for the way that Jesus feeds you, soul and body.</p>	<p>7 Friday I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus Surprises are part of Christian living. What has surprised you about God in the past few weeks?</p>	<p>8 Saturday O Christmas Tree Look for trees with no leaves. The life of the tree is hidden. Give thanks to God, who gives us faith for what we cannot see.</p>
<p>December 9 2nd Sunday in Advent O Come All Ye Faithful Give thanks to God, naming those whose faithfulness to God shaped your life for good.</p>	<p>10 Monday Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer How are holiday preparations running over you? Find a place of stillness and listen for the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>11 Tuesday The Little Drummer Boy What causes you to hesitate to come before Jesus? What does Jesus say when you turn to him with what you have?</p>	<p>12 Wednesday Silent Night It is easy for noise to drown out the still small voice of God. Find a solitary place to pray, listening for God.</p>	<p>13 Thursday I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas What dreams of the past do we hang onto that keep us from grasping the good God wants to give us?</p>	<p>14 Friday We Three Kings The Magi came from another culture. How have you sought to understand other cultures and life experiences with compassion?</p>	<p>15 Saturday It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Jesus was born at a very dark time. Name your darkness to God and thank God for coming.</p>
<p>December 16 3rd Sunday in Advent Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming This song tells of the roots of Jesus. Remember those who gave you the roots of your faith.</p>	<p>17 Monday In the Bleak Midwinter Do you feel hopelessness, a bleakness of spirit, even as bells ring around you? These are exactly the times Jesus shows up.</p>	<p>18 Tuesday Angels from the Realms of Glory Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth; pray for the places where the broken creation needs Jesus.</p>	<p>19 Wednesday Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy Jesus was truly human. Did he mess up his diapers? Did he cry as a baby? Give thanks for God made flesh.</p>	<p>20 Thursday 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime was written for the Huron Indians of Canada. How would you tell the story to someone who had never heard it?</p>	<p>21 Friday Love Came Down at Christmas Who in your personal world needs love? Ask God to make you the way that love is shown.</p>	<p>22 Saturday While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks The shepherds encountered God at work, not in a church. How do you encounter God at work or school?</p>
<p>December 23 4th Sunday in Advent The Friendly Beasts Each animal has something to give Jesus. What gift do you offer to God and God's people?</p>	<p>24 Monday Christmas Eve The First Noel The shepherds were the first to hear the good news and they were afraid. What scares you about following Jesus?</p>	<p>25 Tuesday Christmas Day Joy to the World Pay attention to the people and things around you today. Who needs the joy of salvation? Lift them in prayer.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;"><i>During Advent we hear a lot of Christmas songs. In this season of preparation, how do we hear God?</i></p>			



Preparing Our Hearts in Advent

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, December 2

Wednesday, December 5

Youth Fundraiser for Christmas with The Harbor, 4:45-6:15
Meal and Merry Melodies, 5:15

Friday, December 7

Youth shop for Christmas with The Harbor and Lock-In

Saturday, December 8

Confirmation Class shops for Christmas with The Harbor, 9:30

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT, December 9

White Christmas Offering in all Worship Services
Children sing in Sanctuary at 8:55
Christmas Parties for Children, Tweens, and Youth
Gift wrap event for Christmas with The Harbor, Gym, 2:00

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT, December 16

Chancel Choir Performance in Sanctuary, 8:55 and 11:00
Promise of Christmas with Coat and Blanket Drive, Fellowship Hall,
Refreshments, 5:30; Praise and Worship, 6:00

Wednesday, December 19

Christmas with The Harbor Dinner, Fellowship Hall, 5:30-7:30

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, December 19

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

“Experience Bethlehem” presented by FUMC Children’s Ministry, 3:00
Sanctuary Services 4:15, 5:30
Chapel Come and Go Communion, 5:00-6:00

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25

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