ADVENT DEVOTIONAL WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30TH Monday Mathew 1: 18–25 Tuesday Isaiah 7: 10-17 Wednesday Zephaniah 3: 14-17 John 1: 1-18 Thursday Friday Galatians 4: 4-6 Saturday Ephesians 2: 1–10 WEEK OF DECEMBER 7TH Monday Mathew 2: 1–12 Tuesday Psalm 72 Wednesday Isaiah 60: 1-7 Thursday Micah 5: 1-4 John 10: 11-18 Friday Saturday Colossians 1: 15-20 WEEK OF DECEMBER 14TH Mathew 2: 13-23 Monday Exodus 4: 18-20 Tuesday Wednesday Jeremiah 31: 1-14 Jeremiah 31: 15-20 Thursday Friday Hosea 11: 1-4 Saturday John 1: 43-51 WEEK OF DECEMBER 21ST Monday Luke 2:1-7 Luke 2: 8-20 Tuesday **Christmas Eve Service** Luke 2 Christmas Luke 2: 21-28

What Is Advent?

As early as the fourth century, Christians began to observe the season of Advent. Today, Christians around the world observe this four-week period of waiting and intentional preparation to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming" or "arrival." During Advent, we remember how the world waited for the birth of the Messiah, and how we, too, wait for Christ's return, the 'Second Advent'.

How Do I Use This Devotional?

This devotional is a guide to structure your time spent with God. Each Monday features the Scripture for the upcoming week's sermon. Tuesday-Friday highlight a Bible passage with cross-references or allusions to the sermon text. As a church family, though we are physically scattered during the week, sharing in the same Scripture reading each day will connect us and prepare us to receive God's Word together. We pray that this devotional is a vehicle of God's grace, as you grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. This devotional can be used individually or with others.

Here is a suggested rhythm for daily use:

- Open with prayer. Invite God to speak to you.
- Read the passage slowly, perhaps several times.
- Use the questions below to reflect.
- Close with prayer. Perhaps The Lord's Prayer

Observe

What jumps out to you in these verses? Perhaps a word, phrase, or idea.

Interpret

What does this passage tell us about God, Advent, or the Coming of Christ?

Apply

How can your observation and interpretation apply to your life or our world today?