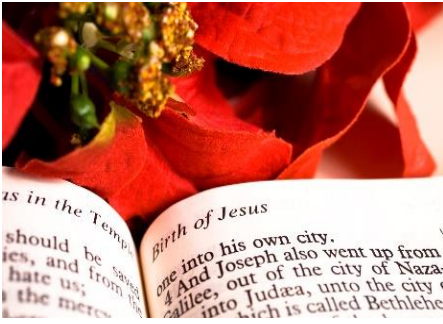


Daily Bible Readings for December 2019



The readings this month begin with the advent story as we anticipate the coming of the Christ Child in Bethlehem. What you notice is two things, First the readings begin looking at the end of time, How is Christ coming to fulfill the Kingdom of God? And as we move through the month, we see the Christmas story unfolding. The events of the story build as we prepare ourselves to receive Christ anew on Christmas Eve.

The daily Bible readings are clustered into weeks with Sunday being the center of each week. The lessons for Sunday come from the Revised Common Lectionary recommended for use by the United Church of Christ and by many other Christian denominations in North America. The readings for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of each week orient our prayer and preparation for the Sunday lessons. The readings for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday reflect on Sunday's lessons.

In the worship of Grace Church we normally read only two lessons. However, many Sundays the Psalm for the day is also incorporated into the service as a Call to Worship or prayer.

Sunday, December 1, 2019:

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Monday, December 2, 2019:

Psalm 124; Genesis 8:1-19; Romans 6:1-11

Tuesday, December 3, 2019:

Psalm 124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40

Wednesday, December 4, 2019:

Psalm 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35

Thursday, December 5, 2019:

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26

Friday, December 6, 2019:

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 30:19-26; Acts 13:16-25

Saturday, December 7, 2019:

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; John 1:19-28

Sunday, December 8, 2019:

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

Monday, December 9, 2019:

Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Tuesday, December 10, 2019:

Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21

Wednesday, December 11, 2019:

Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37

Thursday, December 12, 2019:

Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10

Friday, December 13, 2019:

Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18

Saturday, December 14, 2019:

Psalm 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18

Sunday, December 15, 2019:

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Monday, December 16, 2019:

Psalms 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16

Tuesday, December 17, 2019:

Psalms 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25

Wednesday, December 18, 2019:

Psalms 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34

Thursday, December 19, 2019:

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Galatians 3:23-29

Friday, December 20, 2019:

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Galatians 4:1-7

Saturday, December 21, 2019:

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36

Sunday, December 22, 2019:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Monday, December 23, 2019:

Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14

Tuesday, December 24 & 25, 2019:

Nativity of the Lord - Proper I

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Tuesday, December 24 & 25, 2019:

Nativity of the Lord - Proper II

Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalms 97

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

Tuesday, December 24 & 25, 2019:

Nativity of the Lord - Proper III

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 98

Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

John 1:1-14

Thursday, December 26, 2019:

Psalms 148; Wisdom 4:7-15; Acts 7:59-8:8

Friday, December 27, 2019:

Psalms 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12

Saturday, December 28, 2019:

Psalms 148; Isaiah 49:13-23; Matthew 18:1-14

Sunday, December 29, 2019:

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

Monday, December 30, 2019:

Psalms 20; Isaiah 26:1-9; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Tuesday, December 31, 2019:

Psalms 20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19