

Friday / Dec. 9

Response of Faith

Scripture: Matthew 1: 18-25

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. Matthew 1:24

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention?

What does this passage teach me about God?

What difference will this make in my life?

Prayer: Lord, may our hearts be open to hear you and joyfully respond in faith. Amen.
Prayer Focus: Engaged Couples

Saturday / Dec. 10

A Universal Language

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 1 Corinthians 13: 1

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention?

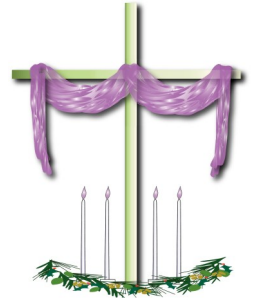
What does this passage teach me about God?

What difference will this make in my life?

Prayer: Dear God, give us servant hearts that work for the love and glory of you alone. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Love is God's universal language.

Fuquay –Varina
United Methodist Church
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Advent Daily Discipleship Journal

Sermon: *Here is Your God!* **Rev. Jon Strother**

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Sermon Notes:

The most valuable Christmas decoration is a Christ-like life.

Prayer: Eternal God, help each of us choose to live a life that reflects Your glory, now and always. Amen.

Prayer Focus: For new joy in the Christmas celebration.

Devotional Focus: It is our prayer that as you journey through this season of advent, you will uncover opportunities in your life to apply our vision that

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Monday / Dec. 5

The Eyes of Love

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life? _____

Prayer: Open our eyes, dear God, to see as you see. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Those being judged unfairly.

Wednesday / Dec. 7

God Rescued Me

Scripture: Psalm 30

I cried to you for help, O Lord my God, and you healed me. Psalm 30 :2

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life _____

Prayer: Dear God, when darkness and grief surround us, help us to turn to the light of your son, Jesus Christ, and help us to mourn with hope and faith, leaning on the promises given in your word.

Prayer Focus: Grieving parents and grandparents

Tuesday / Dec. 6

Times of Uncertainty

Scripture: Luke 1: 26-38

The angel went to (Mary) and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Luke 1: 28

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life? _____

Prayer: Dear God, like Mary, we are often perplexed. Let us, like her, trust you to work in our lives for good, as we pray, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. They will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

Prayer Focus: To put our trust in the Lord.

Thursday / Dec. 8

Shaped and re-shaped

Scripture: Jeremiah 18: 1-11

O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64: 8

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life? _____

Prayer: Holy God, we thank you for the birth of your son, Christ Jesus, through whom we can be re-created and re-born to eternal life with you. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Artisans and artists