

Friday / Dec. 2

Doing the Word

**Scripture:** James 1: 19-25

*Blessed...are those who hear the word of God and obey it.. Luke 11:28*

**Reflections:**

What word, phrase or image caught my attention?

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What does this passage teach me about God?

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What difference will this make in my life?

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**Prayer:** Dear God, help us to be doers of your word and not hearers only.

Prayer Focus: For strength to obey God's Word.

Saturday / Dec. 4

Virus Check

**Scripture:** 1 John 1: 5-2:2

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thought.*

*See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Psalm 139: 23-24

**Reflections:**

What word, phrase or image caught my attention?

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What does this passage teach me about God?

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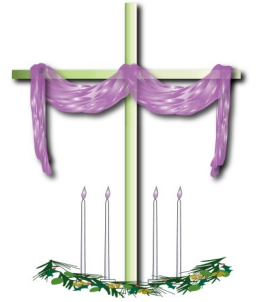
What difference will this make in my life?

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**Prayer:** Thank you, O God, for being gentle when you search us for sin so that we are not humiliated but forgiven and purified. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Those struggling with sin.

Fuquay –Varina  
United Methodist Church  
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# Advent Daily Discipleship Journal

**Sermon:** Getting Ready

*Rev. Albert Shuler*

**Scripture:** Matthew 24: 36-44

**Sermon Notes:**

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Christmas is good news—from beginning to end!

**Prayer:** Reveal to us, O God, in the story of the Christ Child the mystery of your eternal purpose. Show us the power of your love and make known in our world the Good News that will bring us peace.

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 Fuquay-Varina United Methodist Church is a community of believers that

**Loves God, Learns God, Serves God and Shares God.**

Monday / Nov. 28

*Christ's Gift*

**Scripture:** John 1: 1-17

*To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God. John 1:12*

**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 Lord, thank you for the gift of salvation. Amen

Prayer Focus: Those who have not accepted Christ

Wednesday / Nov. 30

*Multiple Blessings*

**Scripture:** Ruth 1: 6-18

*When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her; she stopped urging her. Ruth 1: 18*

**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:** Guiding Spirit, teach us to receive help graciously. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Those who won't accept help.

Tuesday / Nov. 29

*In God We Trust*

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 6: 3-19

*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17*

**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:** Strong and loving God, help us to trust you completely.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Prayer Focus: Those who trust money

Thursday / Dec. 1

*Always There*

**Scripture:** Colossians 1: 11-16

*The God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"...has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

2 Corinthians 4: 6

**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:** God of all grace, when clouds obscure your face, help us to remember that you are always present. Open our eyes, ears, and hearts to you. Amen

Prayer Focus: Families facing the first Christmas after the death of a child.