

**Shadyside Presbyterian Church  
Kids' Worship Bulletin  
5 December 2021  
Second Sunday of Advent**

**The Season of Advent**



Spring, Summer, Winter, and Fall are seasons we experience throughout the calendar year. Did you know the Church has a calendar with seasons as well? It's called a "Liturgical Calendar" and we use it to remind us of important events in the history of God's people.

The Church year has seasons like Lent, Pentecost, Epiphany, Easter, and Advent. "Advent" means "coming" or "arrival." During the season of Advent, we celebrate Jesus' coming into the world and we learn to watch with hope for Jesus' coming again. The season of Advent lasts four weeks.

**"Malachi Points to a Brand New Deal"**

If you have ever sung "The Holy Books" song with Mr. D. and Ms. Ellen, you may remember hearing these words:

"The last Old Testament book reveals that Malachi points to a brand new deal!"



The Hebrew Scripture reading today comes from the Book of Malachi. Malachi was a prophet who spoke for God. God's people were still unhappy even though their lives were good and they were living in their homeland. They wondered why life wasn't as great as they had hoped it would be.

Malachi helped the people understand the problem was that they didn't love God and they didn't love each other. They all felt very far away from God. Malachi told the people God promised to send a messenger to help the people get ready for God's arrival. Malachi told the people to look forward with hope, knowing God was coming. That's the "new deal" we sing about.

**Where in the Word is the Word?**

"The Word" can mean many things:

- The Word = God's messages for God's people
- The Word = Jesus, God's Son
- The Word = The Bible, the story of God's people
- The Word = A sermon or homily spoken



Where in the Bible do we find the scripture readings for today?

<b>Book of the Bible</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Verses</b>
Malachi	3	1-4
Luke	1	68-79

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## What is Communion and what I am supposed to do?

### *What is it?*

Communion is a time of sharing and remembering. In our church, we invite all those who love and trust Jesus to participate in communion. Jesus shared special meals with his friends and disciples, but the most special meal he shared with them was the night before Jesus died.



*"Given for you..."*

Jesus wanted his disciples to have a special way of remembering him, so when they had their meal, Jesus told his followers the bread was to help them remember his body and that the wine (juice from grapes) was to help them remember Jesus' blood.

We still have this special remembering meal today and we call it Communion. The bread reminds us Jesus was a living person with a body and we "break" the bread to remember Jesus. The juice reminds us Jesus died for us; he died on a cross, so we remember Jesus' blood, like the dark juice we drink. Communion is a meal of remembering.



Our pastors help us to understand this by the words they say. You can follow along in the bulletin so you know when it is your turn to pray and sing.

### *What do I do with this little cup thing?*



Listen for our pastor's instructions on when and how to peel back the plastic on the top of the cup. The wafer is right under the clear plastic, so do that first. Peel back the next layer to drink the grape juice. You should eat the wafer and drink the juice when you are ready. We wait for everyone else to be served and then follow the pastor's example on when we eat the bread and drink the juice. When you are finished, you should put the plastic cup in the holding place in the pew – near the bible and hymnal.

### *What do I do during the quiet time?*

If you are done before other people, you can listen to the music. This is also a great time to pray. You can say thankful prayers or you can tell God you are sorry for things you may have done that were not the best choices. God listens to our prayers. Honest.

When communion is over, we all say the Lord's Prayer together and then sing a hymn or song of praise to thank God for giving us Jesus.

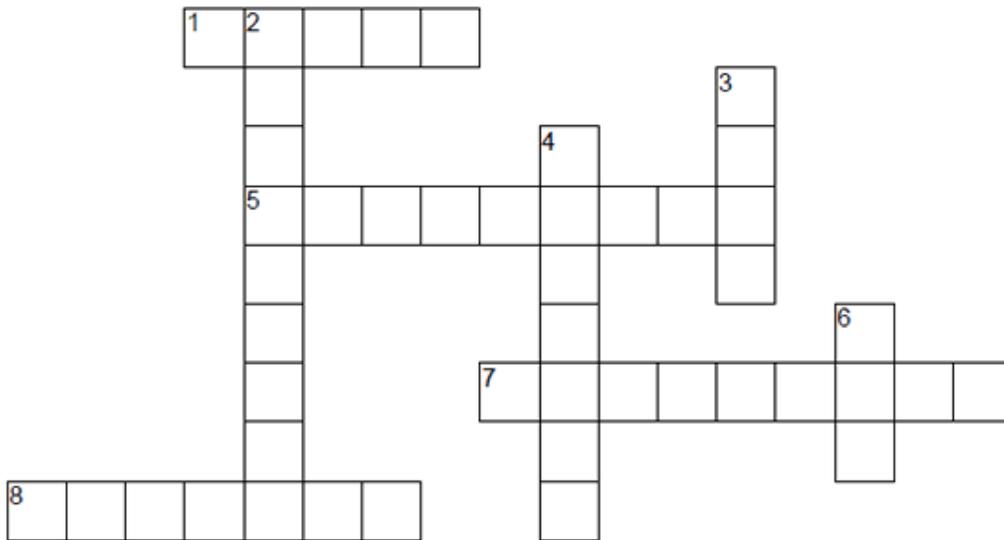


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# "His Name Is John"

"And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High because you will prepare the way for the Lord." Luke 1:76 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 1:67-80



**ACROSS**

- 1. Kind and gentle treatment of another person
- 5. The father of John the Baptist
- 7. To be forgiven of our sin
- 8. One who speaks for God

**DOWN**

- 2. The mother of John the Baptist
- 3. The one who prepared the way for Jesus
- 4. To make ready
- 6. To disobey God's law

ZACHARIAS	MERCY	SALVATION	PREPARE
ELIZABETH	SIN	JOHN	PROPHET

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**Are you paying attention? BINGO!**

<p>Someone wearing a scarf</p>		<p>A person wearing the colors green <u>and</u> blue</p>		<p>An usher helping someone</p>
	<p>What is the Hebrew Scripture reading today? _____</p>		<p>A child wearing a coat</p>	
<p>You pray the Prayer of Confession</p>		<p>Free Space</p>  <p>Sacrament of Communion</p>		<p>Someone using a pencil</p>
	<p>You sign the pew pad and pass it to someone else</p>		<p>How many times do you count the word "Advent" in the bulletin? _____</p>	
<p>What is the number of our Hymn of Response? Where is it in the Hymnal? _____</p>		<p>Where can we leave our offerings after worship? _____</p>		<p>List 3 NAMES Pastor Austin says in her sermon</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>

Place an X in the box when you hear or see the thing mentioned or pictured during the service this morning. Write the answers on the lines provided for the questions See Ms. Ellen Allston downstairs after worship to choose a prize for trying to complete the BINGO card. You may choose a prize even for just trying.