

Shadyside Presbyterian Church
Kids' Worship Bulletin
12 December 2021
Third 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.

What Do Prophets Do?

In Luke 21:25-36, Jesus tells the people about God. Some of them asked a very hard question.

"Jesus, there are people saying things that make us feel afraid. They tell us bad things are happening. People are fighting wars. They are being mean to each other. They tell us God is unhappy with how people are behaving."

Jesus said, "The people who are telling you about these things are called, 'prophets.'"

The people asked, "Can prophets tell us about the future?"

"No," said Jesus. "But prophets can help you get ready. Just like you know how to get ready when someone visits your home, the prophets want you to know how to get ready for things that are going to happen."

"So, what should we do?"

Jesus gave them these instructions, "Try really hard to live in God's way. Remember the stories I tell you. Talk to God in your prayers. Tell God what scares you. Ask God what you can do when bad things happen. God will help you know how to live, even when things are really scary." (Milton, 2009)

Here is a list of the Books of the Prophets in the Old Testament. How many have you heard of before?



Isaiah	Joel	Habakkuk
Jeremiah	Amos	Zephaniah
Lamentations	Obadiah	Haggai
Ezekiel	Jonah	Zechariah
Daniel	Micah	Malachi
Hosea	Nahum	

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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?

Book of the Bible	Chapter	Verses
Zephaniah	3	14-20
Luke	3	7-18

The Old Testament book of Zephaniah gets its name from the prophet Zephaniah, who helped the nation of Judah follow God during the days of King Josiah.

Zephaniah saw God’s people worshiping other gods. He saw people who thought they good do bad things and get away with it. Zephaniah shared God’s message that the people needed to pray to God and treat others kindly.

The people listened to Zephaniah. The prophet’s message gave people hope about the goodness to come.



This is a verse from one of our bible readings today. Why do you think the artist chose a chickadee and a branch with berries to illustrate this verse?

I wonder if the berries symbolize hope.

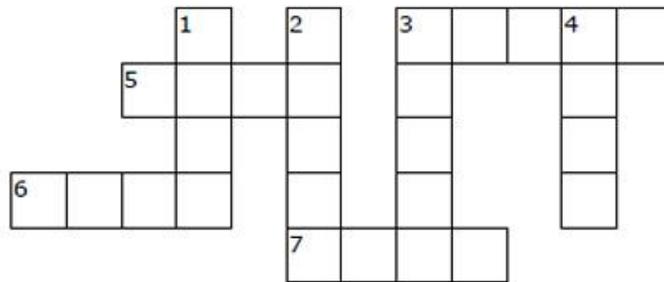
I wonder what hope a bird can bring?

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Puzzle is based on Luke 3:7-11



ACROSS

3. An item of clothing that is worn on the upper half of the body
5. To have very little money or possessions
6. The opposite of bad
7. A tall plant that has a trunk, branches, and leaves

DOWN

1. What we eat
2. The sweet food that grows on a tree
3. To give part of what you have to someone else
4. The part of a tree that grows under the ground

ROOT	TREE	POOR	SHARE
FOOD	GOOD	FRUIT	SHIRT

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FIRE	CROWD	TREE	FOOD	CHILDREN
ROOT	SHARE	STONES	SHIRTS	BAPTIZED
VIPERS	NONE	TWO	FRUIT	BROOD