

**Shadyside Presbyterian Church  
Kids' Worship Guide  
10 December 2023  
Second Sunday of Advent**

**Watching and Waiting**



Just as our regular calendars have seasons, like spring, summer, winter, and fall, the Church calendar has seasons as well. Advent is the first season in the Church year and today is the second Sunday in the season of Advent.

“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During the season of Advent, we celebrate Jesus coming into the world. We watch and wait with remembering the peace Jesus brings.

There are four weeks of Advent and each Sunday, we light another Advent candle. Today, we light the candle of PEACE.

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

The Word can mean many things:

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>
Mark	1	1-8
Isaiah	40	1-11

**Bible Helps and Hints**



Isaiah and Mark both call us to “prepare the way of the Lord.” Look at the path in this picture. I wonder if the path is leading to the future. I wonder who has already walked on this path. Maybe people who lived long before us, like people we read about in the Bible, have walked this way years ago.

We can imagine this path is “the way of the Lord.” Isaiah and Mark call us to prepare a path for God everywhere we go.

I wonder where this path has already been and I wonder where it may be going. Maybe it has gone through places where people are sharing God’s love through acts of service. I wonder what you can do to prepare a way for God.

**Shadyside Presbyterian Church  
Kids' Worship Guide  
10 December 2023  
Second Sunday of Advent**

**Where are we now?**

*Place an X next to each part of the worship service after we have done it  
You can find each of these in the Worship Bulletin*

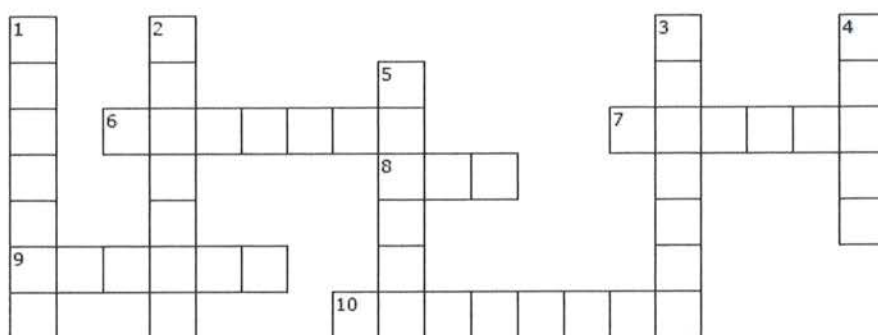
Part of Worship Liturgy	Done
PRELUDE	
LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE & CALL TO WORSHIP	
HYMN IN PROCESSION #10	
PRAYER OF ADORATION	
ORISON	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
SILENT CONFESSION	
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	
WELCOME	
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS	
<i>Children age 4 years and older may leave with their teachers</i>	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
GOSPEL	
ANTHEM	
HEBREW SCRIPTURE	
SERMON	
HYMN OF RESPONSE #3	
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	
OFFERING ANTHEM	
DOXOLOGY	
HYMN #13	
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	

**Shadyside Presbyterian Church  
Kids' Worship Guide  
10 December 2023  
Second Sunday of Advent**

## A Messenger Sent from God

It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way."  
Mark 1:2 (NIV)

Based on Mark 1:1-8 (NIV)



### ACROSS

6. To pardon someone who has done something wrong
7. The river where John the Baptist baptized people
8. To do something that is against God's law
9. To confess and turn away from sin
10. Having no bends or curves

### DOWN

1. To make things ready
2. Having many bends and curves
3. A person who speaks for God, or one who tells what will happen in the future
4. A sweet, sticky substance made by bees
5. A dry region with very few plants

PREPARE	REPENT	DESERT	HONEY	PROPHET
SIN	FORGIVE	CROOKED	JORDAN	STRAIGHT

## Hymn #13 - Prepare the Way

I X R H K C K E Y A A D O R A T I O N W M D I  
 W O N U E X F T C E R O I V A S L W V Q T L G  
 N L Z N M A K G Q B L E O P I M B V M O R S L  
 Y U W P E L V R P R E P A R E I D E R C A S O  
 A B F T R A M E E O Y P B S G N I D I T A Z R  
 W I Q R F O R R N J K L C S A L V A T I O N Y  
 L W V U A U C D Z K O S Z K L Y R J C C P T B  
 E Y O T M G L L F K V I T I R O B P Y V N P R  
 V E I H H A T G A T E S C O O H J E R C W L C  
 E S C L M E V C Y I W Z U I R N P V U J Y T T  
 L K I P F Q W V M X M Z D H N Y R O L H X R Y  
 W T N H I L L A U L G P T R N G A L E W X V O  
 W S G Y U M Q P Y J U S T I C E I K F Q G G J  
 C E T M E Y C H R I S T Y W Z X S X E C A E P  
 D L J R Y I D B M V A L L E Y Y E G M D O G W  
 C B R G W H M O D E E R F G K N G E R N X W Z

Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden     and .

ADORATION  
 BLEST  
 CHRIST  
 FREEDOM  
 GATES  
 GLORY  
 GOD  
 HEAVEN

HILL  
 JOY  
 JUSTICE  
 LEVEL WAY  
 LOVE  
 NEAR  
 PEACE  
 PRAISE

PREPARE  
 PROCLAIM  
 REJOICING  
 RULE  
 SACRED  
 SALVATION  
 SAVIOR  
 STORY

THE WAY  
 TIDINGS  
 TRUTH  
 VALLEY  
 VOICING  
 ZION