



## **Advent – Christmas – Epiphany 2023-24**

### ***How will we know?***

*Your will be done,  
I must be patient,  
I long for news.  
How will I know?*

*“Poor of the Earth” #213 Voices Together*

Advent marks the beginning of the church year for most churches in the Christian tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day. This year, the fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve.

Advent is a time to lean into the ways that our faith invites us to watch and wait, as we seek to discern the times, to trust that even when we have questions, God is with us; still then, God is working. Advent is a time when we wonder and wander and wait together, searching for clues of the work that God is doing in our midst.

Join in exploring the season's question: How will we know? Come to worship with Advent candle lighting, music, children's story, scripture, prayer, sermons, and Advent pre-worship singing from 9:35-9:45 am.

### **December 3 – ADVENT 1 How will we know...how long?**

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37  
When has God been with you in your waiting?

### **December 10 – ADVENT 2 How will we know...what now?**

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15; Mark 1:1-8  
BMC Band

Celebration of Gratitude for Amanda with lunch, details to follow  
What is one thing you will do while you wait this week?

### **December 17 – ADVENT 3 How will we know...what's next?**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Luke 1:46-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

BMC Jr Sunday School Christmas pageant.

What is a question that has shaped your faith journey and your relationship with God?

### **December 21 – The Longest Night**

Psalm 104:19; Luke 1:41-45

*God of all, when we feel alone, you draw nearer. When we lose our bearings, you guide us toward a good path. When we grieve, you embrace us. Through the ages, you have promised to be a comfort, and you call us to be a comfort to others. May we feel the courage and strength you offer through those who surround us.  
Amen.*

### **December 24 – ADVENT 4 How will we know...why me?**

#### **Why *not* me?**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27;  
Luke 1:26-38

In what way/s have you given or received extraordinary love?

### **December 24 – Christmas Eve 7:00 pm**

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

BMC Ensembles, Scripture, Song, and Children's Story

How can we welcome Christ anew into our lives this Christmas?

### **December 25 – Christmas Day (worship at home)**

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

How might we be messengers of this Good News?

### **December 31 – How will we know...who knows?**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

When and in what ways do you see or experience God in those around us?

### **January 7, 2024 – Epiphany**

#### **How will we know...what we know?**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12;

Matthew 2:1-12

Star words or star gifts: What word do you need to hear?

