

2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2017

SERVICE TIMES: 8am and 10:30am

CHURCH SCHOOL 10:15am

REV. SUE POULIN, RECTOR

LECTIONARY READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2,8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

SCHEDULED PARTICIPANTS

L.E.M. 8am Jackie Keating, 10:30am David Moberg

Lector: 8am Jim Keating, 10:30am James Cross

Acolyte: 8am Jackie Keating, 10:30am Dave Tyler

Ushers: 8am David Randall, 10:30am Ann Elkins and Jane Daniell

Counting: Ann Elkins and Jane Daniell

Coffee Hour: Julia Stackpole and ?

Altar Guild: Sandy Thomas

Thrift Shop: 12/15 Ann Elkins, 12/16 Pam Tyler.
Last Thrift shop days till spring.

Bread Ministry for December: Ann Elkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY TURKEY SUPPER
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13, 5-6:30pm

Adults \$8, children under 4, \$4

HELP IS STILL NEEDED IN THE KITCHEN AND SERVING AREA.
If you can help in the kitchen please be at church 3:30-4pm

This is our last fund raiser for St. John's budget for 2017.

CHURCH ADDRESS

We have been notified by the Post Office that all mail to the church MUST BE addressed to

P.O.BOX 249
Sanbornville, NH, 03872

they will begin returning mail that does not have the P.O. BOX.

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Every Rector has a discretionary fund, to be used at their discretion to help people in need in their parish. A person or family may ask the rector directly for help or an individual may mention a person or family in need of some help, on a short term basis.

In the pews this week are envelopes marked, DISCRETIONARY FUND, if you wish to contribute to Rev. Sue's fund, please place check or cash in the envelope, seal and give directly to her or place on the collection plate. If you know of a person or family in the congregation that could use a some extra help at this time of year especially, please put their name/s in the envelope, seal and give directly to her or on the collection plate. ONLY Rev. Sue will open these envelopes.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

The flower envelopes are also in the pews. Please make checks payable to St. John's. Please PRINT the names you would like placed in the Christmas Eve bulletin, and yours as the donor.
?'s Kirsten Gowdy.

ADVENT PROGRAM

Friday December 15th, 10am-12noon in the conference room.
Please join us to continue and finish the posters we are coloring representing the Advent journey.
The posters will also be available to work on after church on Sunday.

FROM THE DAILY PRAYER FOR ALL SEASONS

It is important to remember that Advent is not just a season in which we recall an event of the past-- Jesus' birth--but also a time in which we look to the present and the future. When will Jesus come again? When will we see the kingdom of God on earth, as it is in heaven? Of course no one knows. And so the more important questions are: What can we do as the Church, Christ's body here on earth, to welcome God's reign of justice and peace today? What can we do as individuals to reorder our lives in the light of God's love? What would it mean to live as a people who believe in Jesus as the Savior of all the earth and who expect him to come again at the fulfillment of time? Each Advent we turn to these questions anew.

Forgiveness
Vespers (Traditional our: dusk/end of day)

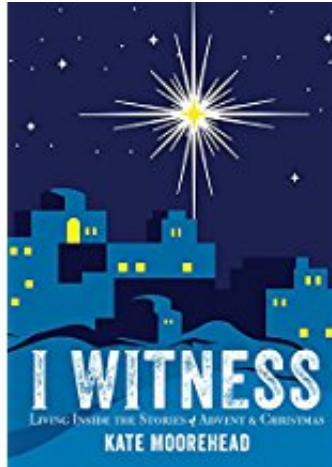
As we turn on lamps at dusk, we greet the evening by welcoming God to abide with us anew.

Meditation:

Redemption is the journey of being reconnected to the light of God within. It is a journey home that takes us through what seems like unknown land...Redemption is not the bringing of light to a creation that is essentially dark, but rather the liberating of light from the heart of life.

J. Phillip Newell

Where do we thirst for the light of redemption today? How will we offer that light to others who thirst.



Keep your message brief, friendly, and to the point.
Use the image as a link, or add a call-to-action link here.

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