



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 2022

Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here with us, and hope that you'll feel right at home.

Face Masks for personal protection are optional for all activities on our campus

Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in attending.

Visual Worship Schedules are available upon request.

If you need a little help hearing, portable listening devices are available.

If a fidget toy would be helpful for you, they are available at the Narthex entrance.

An All Gender Restroom is located in the Narthex.

An infant changing station and Quiet Room for parents with little ones is located off the Narthex.

Activity packets are available for children to use during worship.

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

Sunday, December 4	Wednesday, Continued
Second Sunday of Advent	3:00 pm- Private Music Lessons
9:30 am- Chancel Choir	4:00 pm- Private Flute lessons
10:00 am- Worship	7:00 pm- Cubs 228
Pastor François Preaching	Thursday, December 8
10:00 am- Faith Formation	6:30 pm- Bell Choir
11:00 am- Fellowship Time	7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019
11:00 am- Pageant Practice	7:30 pm- Choir Practice
4:30 pm- Advent Open House	Friday, December 9
Monday, December 5	Saturday, December 10
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	9:00 am- Fall Clean Up
6:30 pm- GSA 518	Sunday, December 11
7:30 pm- Session	Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday, December 6	9:30 am- Chancel Choir
4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons	10:00 am- Worship
7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing	Pastor Taylor Preaching
7:30 pm- Peacemaking and Social Justice	10:00 am- Faith Formation
Wednesday, December 7	11:00 am- Fellowship Time
9:00 am-Breakfast Group-Court Diner	11:00 am- Pageant Practice
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends	3:00 pm- Concerts for a Cause- Elisa Muzzillo

A community where all who seek God are Welcome...



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“The season of Advent is a time of endings and beginnings. Advent begins by looking forward to the end — the culmination of God’s saving work, the coming of a new creation, and the return of Christ to reign in glory. Advent ends by returning to the beginning — a fresh chapter in the story of salvation, the opening words of the Gospels, and the birth of Jesus the Messiah. The thread that holds all these themes together is the promise of the presence of God.”

— from *Connections, Worship Companion*

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND BIRTHDAY WISHES

***Happy Birthday to you; we give thanks for your life;
We give thanks for your presence here; we give thanks to God for you.***

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come, welcomes us to this sanctuary.

As one body, with one voice, we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom, counsel, knowledge, and joy.

Let us worship God.

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-10

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OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES- THE BRIAN AND MICHELLE GEORGE FAMILY

(The primary symbolism of the Advent Candles has to do with light growing in darkness – leading up to the coming of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. The pink candle is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally thought to be a respite of joy in an otherwise penitential season.)

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

As the Lord has promised, in days to come the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid;

The calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together, and a little child shall lead them.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany their younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front pews. Children are invited to Faith Formation classes (ages 18 months – 5 years and 6-11 years) or to stay with us in worship. There are activity packets at each entrance for children to enjoy during worship time.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Meditation on "I Wonder as I Wander"

J.G. Barr

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people.

We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation, that you are truly here with us. We do not heed your word each day in all we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, friends, and even ourselves as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. Amen.

*HYMN 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

Romans 15:4-13

NT 163-164

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12

NT 2-3

ANTHEM

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

Johann Grueger, arr. Wolff

Soul, adorn thyself with gladness, leave behind all gloom and sadness; Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render unto Him whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous supper founded. High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth, yet to dwell with thee He deigneth. Jesus, sun of life, my splendor. Jesus, thou my friend most tender. Jesus, joy of my desiring, fount of life, my soul inspiring: at thy feet I cry, my maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, thy glory, given. Jesus, bread of life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee. By Thy love I am invited, be Thy love with love requited; from this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.

Through the gifts thou here dost give me, as thy guest in heav'n receive me. Amen.

SERMON

Advent Meditation

Pastor François

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

If you wish to give electronically from your smartphone or tablet, please scan the box at the right to go to the website where you can give to WPC via credit card, or give via the Church Center app.



OFFERTORY

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

by J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Holy God, for all good things:

For this universe and for Earth itself, for creatures and plants, for water and food, for light and darkness;

For Jesus, our sibling, who enlarged our vision, setting himself before us as the bread and wine of abundant life;

And for the Holy Spirit, who comes to us in baptism and moves in our midst with the power to lead us to you.

Turn our offerings to your good will,

And turn us always to you in gratitude. Amen.

EUCCHARIST

(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism should be graciously extended. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)

+INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Here we lift our hearts to you, praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold the bread so that we may receive it together to represent our corporate experience of God. You may drink the cup as it comes to you, representing our personal experience of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN 100

DOWN

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY

*CHARGE, BLESSING AND TIME OF GREETING AND "PEACE"

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

***Those who are able, please stand.**

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Thank you to Lin Floyd and the George Family all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Kay and Andy Yost

in memory of loved ones.

WORSHIP Just a reminder: If you aren't feeling your best (headache, fever, body ache), please consider staying at home until you feel like your old self again.

MASK OPTIONAL Mask wearing is optional for worship and all activities and groups using WPC's buildings or grounds. If you would like to wear one, we have KN-95 masks available for your use when you come to worship.

IN-PERSON STAFF AND OFFICE HOURS

Pastor François	Tuesday	11 am - 4:30 pm
	Wednesday	10 am - 2 pm

Pastor Taylor	Monday	11 am - 4:30 pm
	Thursday	10 am - 1 pm

Main Office	Mon-Thursday	2:00 - 4:30 pm
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Feel free to call the church office (610-566-1644) or email staff members at other times.

CHAIRS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Friends, WPCers and countrymen – lend me your “rears” !

As some of you know, the Sanctuary, Worship and Disabilities Committees have discussed replacing the pews in our church with chairs, as has been done in several area churches as well as churches in Europe. The thought is that the use of chairs will give us greater flexibility in the use of our church space as well as giving us accessibility for all disabilities. Our initial plan is to replace 4 or 5 rows of pews with chairs – we would alternate chairs with arms and chairs without arms for additional flexibility. The chairs with arms would enable those who have difficulty getting up to have added support for standing.

So, with no “ifs” “ands” just “butts” we would like you to “try on” the two new chairs we have on display in Fellowship Hall. Members of the committees will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for keeping your minds open to these proposed changes.

~Chris Dearnaley, Michelle George, Kristine Mulhorn, Jim Oetinger, Shirley Rudd, and Gwyn Vernon

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY Help tidy up our grounds, 9 am-noon, Saturday, Dec. 10. The main task will be raking leaves and we welcome all hands. Please bring your own tools.

CHRISTMARKET Our annual ChristMarket offers meaningful alternatives to traditional gifts that raise awareness of the needs of others and funds to support those needs. Shop in person after worship (Sundays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 and 18), by mail or online using the Church Center app or this link (bit.ly/WPC-XMarket2022). Mission and Service will match all gifts to a total of \$5,000.

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE An event for all ages! Start the season, 4:30-6 p.m. TODAY with crafts, carols and a cup of (age-appropriate) cheer.

Kids – make Advent/Christmas decorations, listen to a holiday story and munch on snacks

Adults – chat with (old and new) friends while enjoying a glass of wine or beer (or non-alcoholic beverage) and hors d'oeuvres

Everyone – end the evening singing holiday songs and carols

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT The children will take us on a journey, then and now, to Bethlehem. The magical experience telling the story of Jesus' birth will be presented as part of the Dec. 18 worship service.

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE Enjoy a concert, 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, featuring flutist Elisa Muzzillo, accompanied by Lee Hagon-Kerr. The suggested donation of \$15 will benefit Philabundance, a non-profit organization that works to drive hunger from our communities today and to end hunger for good.

FLUTE LESSONS WITH ELISA MUZZILLO AVAILABLE

Tuesday & Wednesday nights at WPC. Experienced teacher to students of all skill levels ages 8-18+. 30 or 60 minute lesson durations. contact Elisa at elisamuzzflute@gmail.com for lesson rates and availability!

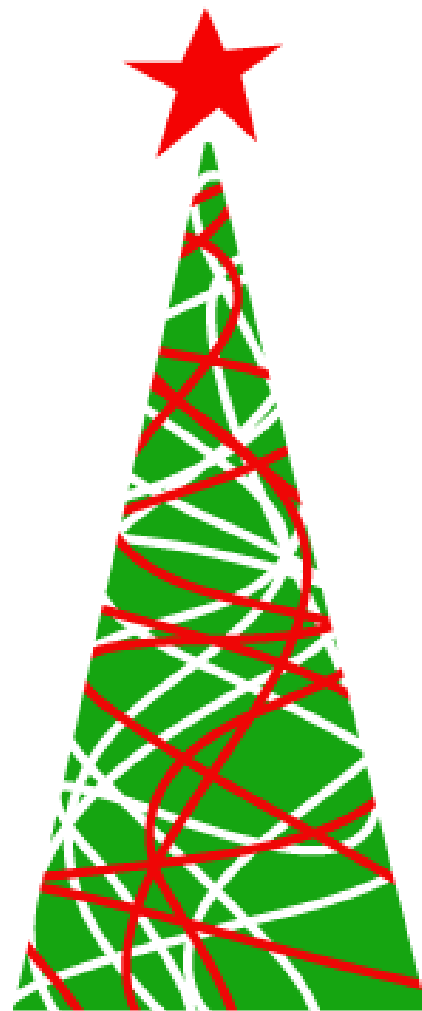
2022 GIVING TREE AND ANGEL TREE

Believe it or not, it is Advent once again! This year we will be donating gifts to families within Wallingford Swarthmore School District, Chester Eastside and City Team with \$25 gift cards from Walmart or Target and some wrapped toys! ***To-day is the last day we are collecting gifts and cards after church.***

We also continue to participate in Angel Tree through Prison Fellowship, in which children of incarcerated parents will receive gifts as if coming from the parents. This ministry helps children with an incarcerated parent feel connected and loved even though the parent is not present. The Angel Tree tags will have a gift suggestion for each child.

Wrapped Toy Suggestions:

- Remote control cars
- Barbies of color and barbie accessories (clothes, car, etc.)
- Baby dolls of color and accessories (strollers, clothes, bottles, etc.)
- Full size dolls (18" dolls)
- Race Track, matchbox cars
- Arts and crafts kits
- Infant/toddler toys (6 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months)



Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Deb Dunbar Carol Freidinger Polly Sacco Ezzell Kai Yokoyama

NEW UNIVERSAL LARGE PRINT BULLETIN In continuing our push for accessibility, WPC is testing a universal large print bulletin during the Advent season. You can find large print hymns and scripture printed in the back.

VISUAL SCHEDULES showing the sequence of worship are available to supplement the bulletin. They outline the flow of the service with clip art prompts and serve as additional assistance in our continuing project for accessibility. Please ask one of the ushers for a copy.



Christmas Flowers

Poinsettias will again be used to decorate the church sanctuary for our Christmas services.
We are ordering 6 inch pots for 6-9 blooms.

#1 Order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone and then *take it home* after the Christmas Eve service.

#2 Order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone and then *leave it* as a gift to be taken by the Deacons to the homebound.

#3 Honor or memorialize someone by making a *donation* that will go into the Christmas offering.

Poinsettias are \$9 this year for the 6 inch pot with 6-9 blooms

The deadline for your order is December 11th.

Please put your name, payment and option choice, along with the name of the person to be remembered on the form below and return to the church office.

You may also sign up and pay online at <https://bit.ly/WPCPoints2022>

Poinsettia Order Form 2022

Please return with payment (\$9 per plant) by December 11, 2022

Make check payable to: Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Memo: Christmas flowers

Name (given by) _____ Phone # _____

Option # 1 red poinsettia # _____ white poinsettia # _____

Option # 2 red poinsettia # _____ white poinsettia # _____

Option # 3 \$ _____

Total plants or memorials requested: _____ @ \$ 9.00 = \$ _____

Name (In memory / honor of) _____

'Tis the season... (Offerings
from yet another year of grace.)

J. Barrie Shepherd

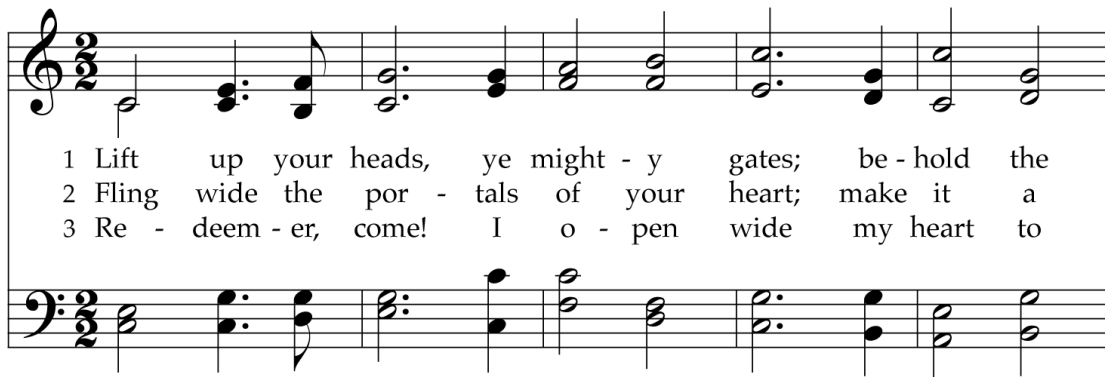


Yes, it's a bit early – Santas before pumpkins almost! – but given the state of the USPS these days it's not too early to think about ordering copies of *'Tis the Season....* my 2022 Advent-Christmas poetry collection. This is the fifth year of these little chapbooks and they have proved quite popular raising some thousands of dollars for local food pantries and, I hope and pray, enriching the festive season for many readers. The book makes an attractive gift with its cover scene of our Piper Shores Xmas tree from the oceanside patio, (see above). Stuffed with 34 of my latest poems it might itself be a handy stocking stuffer. It costs only \$10 (plus \$5 postage), many readers will buy multiple copies for family and friends. All proceeds (beyond cost) are donated to food pantries in Scarborough and on Chebeague Island.

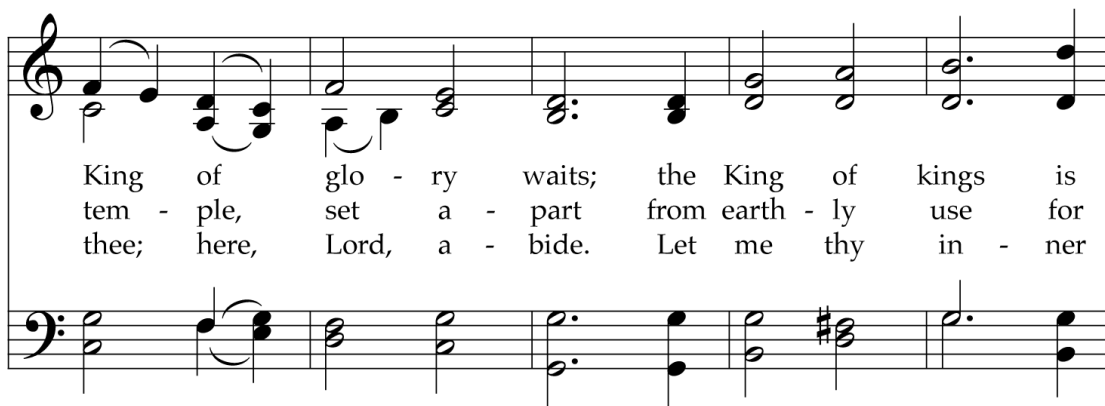
Order at barrieshep@aol.com, phone 207 510 1637 or 15 Piper Road – K325, Scarborough ME 04074. I'll even inscribe your copies with a personal greeting to whoever, or whomever you may desire. Deck the Halls... But not yet.

Barrie

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

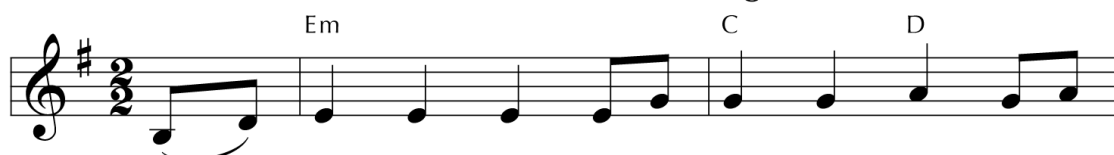


draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

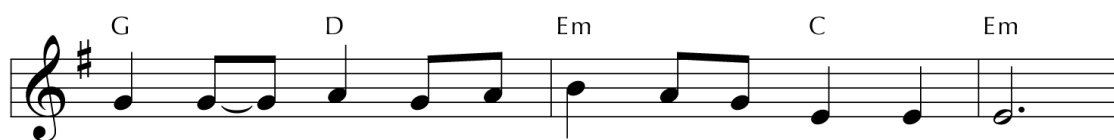
Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

ISAIAH 11:1-10

The Peaceful Kingdom

- 11** A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- 2** The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- 3** His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
- 4** but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- 5** Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- 6** The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
- 7** The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8** The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- 9** They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Romans 15:4-13

4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. **5** May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, **6** so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike

7 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors 9 and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,
“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles
and sing praises to your name”;
10 and again he says,
“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;
11 and again,
“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;
12 and again Isaiah says,
“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in him the gentiles shall hope.”
13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:1-12

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’ ”

4 Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, 9 and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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