



ANTICIPATING TOGETHER

“Throughout church history, Advent has been a season of anticipation. It began in the early centuries of Christianity as a penitential period in preparation for Epiphany—the celebration of Jesus’ appearance and the manifestation of his identity, which was also a day set aside for the baptism of new believers. Soon Advent began to focus on the anticipation of another appearance: the second coming of Christ. By the Middle Ages, the themes we tend to associate with Advent today had become part of the church’s observance, as Christians included celebratory anticipation of Christmas alongside their contemplation of Jesus’ return.” (The Promised One, p. 4)

Featured this year...

The Promised One: Advent Readings from Christianity Today 2022.

We are joyfully sending a digital copy of this book to all parishioners on our email list so that we can explore Advent themes together. It is a rich collection of readings—scripture lessons are identified for each day of Advent and are followed by some wonderful reflections.

OTHER COMPANIONS TO ANTICIPATE WITH

IN-PERSON GATHERING (Tuesdays at 7 PM, Nov 29 onward):

Join Fr. Jesse and Chelsea Peters to **read the classic A Christmas Carol** story together, discuss and pray Compline. All are welcome! (1112 3rd Ave NW)

ONLINE:

1. An excellent site with many suggestions for individuals, couples, and families is the [Anglican Compass](#). In addition to some basic information about what Advent is, you’ll find suggestions for daily practices, Advent prayers/collects, and Advent music to listen to and even sing in your own home.
2. Another wonderful resource, especially for those with younger families - but not just for families - comes through the Homely Hours: [daily practices](#) and [rich resources](#).

3. Again through the Homely Hours website, here is an [excellent printable Advent Wreath order of service](#) for those who have one in your own home.
4. The wonderful [We Wonder website](#) for those with young children... or adults who are game to experience wonder. Besides their podcast (which is not yet updated to Advent, but is worth checking when the time comes!), they also have a wonderful collection of Advent “Stories”.
5. Fleming Rutledge provides an accessible, theological and practical reflection about [Keeping Advent in the Midst of Marketplace Hysteria](#).
6. PWRDF is offering daily Advent email reflection on [The Birth of Hope](#) and particularly considering the perspective of women in scripture.

Books:

Steve Bell, *Pilgrim Year Series: Advent* [A thoughtful, engaging book providing background and insight on the first season of the church year]

Stephen Cherry, *Barefoot Ways: Praying through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany* [A collection of wonderful, short poem prayers and meditations for each day]

Malcolm Guite, *Waiting on the Word: A poem a day for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany* [A wide selection of poems/poets with a short meditation by Malcolm]

Madeleine L'Engle and Luci Shaw, *WinterSong* [Great companions to take a poetic journey through Advent with]

Ashley Tumlin Wallace, *The Liturgical Home: Advent* [A thoughtful way to integrate Advent into your household practices]

Jane Williams, *The Art of Advent* [A collection of reflections on art for this season by a wonderful theologian]

Brian Zahnd, *The Anticipated Christ: A Journey Through Advent and Christmas* [A highly recommended collection to help you slow down and wait when our secular world invites us to frenzy]

Various writers from Soccer Chaplains United, *2022 World Cup Devotional: The Light Is Coming* [For the soccer fans among us who for the only (?) time ever are enjoying the World Cup during Advent and Christmas]

Feel free to browse our parish resource centre in the hall for more options.

Music:

Before plunging into the avalanche of Christmas music, spend some time in the expectant music of Advent. A few suggestions:

Lowana Wallace [Porter – our friend!] – *Hymns & Carols*

Steve Bell – *Feast of Seasons and Keening for the Dawn*

Choir of Clare College, Cambridge – *Veni Emmanuel: Music for Advent*

Search your favourite music streaming platform for Advent playlists.



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