

# 2016 ADVENT PRAYER CALENDAR

# Advent

*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

Saint James Presbyterian Church

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## INTRODUCTION:

This “Advent Prayer Calendar” is being given to members and friends of the Saint James Presbyterian Church to use as a guide in helping us to prepare for the celebration of Jesus Christ into the world. Advent means, “coming.” During the Season of Advent, not only do we celebrate Christ’ first entrance into the world, but we look forward with expectant hearts, to the Second Coming of Jesus when *the dwelling of God will be with the dwelling of people and God shall wipe away all tears and there shall be no more death, nor sorrow or crying, neither shall there be anymore pain (Revelation 21:1 -4).*

Though there is much gone wrong with our world, though hatred, violence, racism, prejudice and bigotry seek to divide God’s people, the second coming of Christ gives us something in which to find hope. One day, God’s kingdom and righteousness will be established on earth and “all flesh shall see it together.” It is with this hope in mind that we watch, wait, and work for justice, love, and peace.

You are invited to read and reflect upon the scriptures included in this prayer calendar, either personally or with family members and friends. The scripture passages are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A. The lectionary is simply a selection of readings from the Bible for use in Presbyterian and other Protestant and Reformed Christian worship. The scriptures selected make provisions for the Christian liturgical year. The Liturgical Year is a way that Christians, year by year, can relive the foundational events of the gospel. The lectionary cycle is a 3 year cycle that allows for the full reading of the synoptic gospels— Matthew, Mark and Luke in three year cycles. During the 2016 Advent Cycle, we will observe cycle A, where Matthew is the selected Gospel for the season.

As a part of the observance of Advent, you may also want to purchase an advent wreath and candles for your home. Then, beginning the first Sunday of Advent— November 27<sup>th</sup> until Christmas Day, Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> light an advent candle as a reminder of the events associated with the birth of Jesus. Remember to pray and watch for God’s activity in your life and our world. Be careful to attend worship during this important season, including our Special Christmas Eve Service at 6:30pm and our Christmas Sunday worship service scheduled for Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. May you know the peace, love and joy of Jesus Christ during the Advent Season and always.

*Diane Givens Moffett,*  
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## HOW TO USE THIS JOURNAL:

Make sure you have a bible.

Plan a morning and evening time to spend with God during the Advent Season.

Read the morning scriptures indicated each day.

Meditate upon each scripture read.

Ask God to show you how the passage speaks to you.

Record your prayer requests in the space indicated.

Watch for God's response to your petition.

Take time each week to share with at least one person how God is showing up in your life.

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### **Sunday, November 27, 2016**

Scriptures: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14;  
Matthew 24:36-44



I am praying for:

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### **Monday, November 28, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 124; Genesis 8:1-19; Romans 6:1-11

I am praying for:

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**Tuesday, November 29, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40

I am praying for:

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**Wednesday, November 30, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35

I am praying for:

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**Thursday, December 1, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26

I am praying for:

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**Friday, December 2, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 30:19-26; Acts 13:16-25

I am praying for:

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**Saturday, December 3, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; John 1:19-28

I am praying for:

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**Sunday, December 4, 2016**

Scriptures: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

I am praying for:

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**Monday, December 5, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

I am praying for:

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**Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21

I am praying for:

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**Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37

I am praying for:

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**Thursday, December 8, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10

I am praying for:

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**Friday, December 9, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18

I am praying for:

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**Saturday, December 10, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18

I am praying for:

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**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

Scriptures: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

I am praying for:

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**Monday, December 12, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16

I am praying for:

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**Tuesday, December 13, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 17-25

I am praying for:

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**Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34

I am praying for:

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**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Galatians 3:23-29

I am praying for:

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**Friday, December 16, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Galatians 4:1-7

I am praying for:

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**Saturday, December 17, 2016**

Scriptures: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36

I am praying for:

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**Sunday, December 18, 2016**

Scriptures: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

I am praying for:

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**Monday, December 19, 2016**

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 17:15-22; Galatians 4:8-20

I am praying for:

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**Tuesday, December 20, 2016**

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 21:1-21; Galatians 4:21-5:1

I am praying for:

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**Wednesday, December 21, 2016**

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 37:2-11; Matthew 1:1-17

I am praying for:

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**Thursday, December 22, 2016**

Scriptures: Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20

I am praying for:

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**Friday, December 23, 2016**

Scriptures: Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14

I am praying for:

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**Saturday, December 24, 2016**

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14; 15-20

I am praying for:

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**Sunday, December 25, 2016**

Scriptures: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, 5-12; John 1:1-14

I am praying for:

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