



Canon Davis Memorial Church
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – November 28, 2021

Sermon

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Officiant - Ginny Schleihauf

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Psalm: 25: 1-9
2nd Reading: Thessalonians 3: 9-13
Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36
Sermon

It seems our credit-driven society urges us to buy now; so many advertisements have as their underlying message "Why wait?" Improvements in communication erode the notion of waiting further. It is increasingly a strange notion; we have become accustomed to immediacy and swift action.

Given this, it seems almost ludicrous that the church should have with Advent four weeks dedicated to waiting. Is this not the church, looking backward to bygone days, to ideas irrelevant to our society, out of touch and out of date? Would it not be a better idea to abandon Advent altogether?

I don't think so...!

It was only when I was pregnant with my first child that I realized I had completely misunderstood what waiting was about. I have a very low boredom threshold and, consequently, am bad at waiting. Yet no one who is expecting a child wants the waiting to end and the baby to come early—that can only spell heartache. I began to discover that waiting is not just about passing time but that it has a deep and lasting value in and of itself.

Waiting can be a nurturing time. Pregnant waiting is a profoundly creative act, involving a slow growth to new life. This kind of waiting may appear passive externally but internally it consists of never-ending action and is a helpful analogy for the kind of waiting that Advent requires.

For many of us, Advent is such a busy time with all our preparations for Christmas that the thought of stopping and sitting passively is simply impossible. Advent, however, does not demand passivity, but the utmost activity: active internal waiting that knits together new life.

Advent calls us to view the world differently, to see through our illusions and to value people over profits, forgiveness over revenge, mercy over judgment and hope over hopelessness.

WE can be messengers of hope. It is this gift through presence that we can give to, and receive from those with whom we journey in life.

All told, Advent calls us into a state of waiting that recognizes and embraces the procession to the stable; and when we get there, let's embrace this child of Bethlehem, the pure light of God's love, and let Him shine in our hearts, and make our lives new.

Amen

Today, in lieu of memorial flowers from The Ladies Guild/A.C.W., we remember past members

NEWS and EVENTS

To submit announcements for the bulletin please call or contact Karen at 519-344-9531 or email canondavis@gmail.com by 11:00 am, Tuesday of each week

Coffee Hour was greatly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Happy Birthday wishes to Brenda Brown, Mary Elizabeth Carroll and John Hayter 🍷
Happy Anniversary to Ed and Molly Vicary 🥂
from all your friends at Canon Davis Memorial

Christmas Poinsettias. If you wish to make a donation to the Christmas Poinsettias, please put your donation in an envelop marked "Poinsettias" and include your name, envelop number and the amount. Please call Karen if you would like your gift acknowledged in the church bulletin by December 12

The 2022 Church Calendars are available for purchase after church for the next few Sundays. The pictures are beautiful. If you are unable to attend church and would like one please call Karen and someone will deliver to you. Cost \$6.00

Saturday, December 4th Canon Davis will host its first Drive-In Take-Out Christmas Bazaar.

Featuring:

Homemade Turkey Pies, 1/2 doz \$27

Homemade Butter Tarts,

raisin or pecan, 1/2 doz \$12

Homemade Soup: Hamburger Veg,

Tomato Veg, Chicken Noodle, \$3.00

Please call 519-344-0951 or 519-382-1926 to place your order and arrange your pick-up time slot between 9:00 am and noon. Exact change in a plastic bag would be appreciated. Also, please have your orders in by Noon on Thursday, December 2. Thank you

December 12th, please join us for our 7 Lessons and Carols Service. Remember we can sing now in church. The church will be decorated beautifully for Christmas. The Officiants will be Bill Graham and Ginny Schleihauf
Organist: Dorothy Miller

Sunday, December 5th
BAS-Holy Eucharist
Advent 2
Officiant: Rev Ray Jenkins