

TOGETHER IN CHRIST



December 11th, 2025

God Pause Devotional

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Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of

This Week at OSLC

Thursday, December 11th

9:00-12:00pm / Parents' Morning Out
6:00-7:30pm / Advent Bible Study (Makeup Session)
7:00pm / Ethan Stinson's Compositions Concert @ Radford's David Performance Hall (FREE EVENT)

Friday, December 12th

8:00-9:00am / Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
6:00pm / Currents Young Adult Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14th

Third Sunday in Advent

8:45am / Adult Sunday School
10:00am / Worship with Eucharist
11:15am / Fellowship after Worship
& Eklesia Cookie Decorating for Caroling
2:00pm / Holiday Brass Concert at Luther Memorial (FREE EVENT)

Monday, December 15th

6:00-7:30pm / Advent Bible Study

Tuesday, December 16th

9:00-12:00pm / Parents' Morning Out
6:45pm / OSLC Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 17th

9:00-12:00pm / Parents' Morning Out
10:30am-12:00pm / Weekly Bible Study
1:30-3:00pm / Book Club
5:30pm / Soup Supper
6:00pm / Advent Vesper Service

Thursday, December 18th

9:00-12:00pm / Parents' Morning Out
10:30am / PMO Christmas Program
1:00-6:00pm / Red Cross Blood Drive
4:00pm / Eklesia Caroling
6:00pm / OSLC Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 19th

8:00-9:00am / Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
4:30pm / OSLC Caroling and Dinner

Sunday, December 21st

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:45am / Adult Sunday School
10:00am / Worship with Eucharist
11:15am / Fellowship after Worship &

Monday, December 22nd

4:00pm / Longest Night Service
6:00-7:30pm / Advent Bible Study

women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Devotion:

“Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” The quintessential question of Advent. And it is good for us to see that the answer was not clear, even for Jesus’ cousin John and his disciples. Are you the one? Really?

And the reply from Jesus harkens back to the psalm from earlier in the week. “Go and tell John what you hear and see”: Those needing healing are healed, the dead are raised to new life, the poor experience good news. These are the signs that the one who is to come is now here—for John, for his disciples, and for us.

What signs do you see that the one who is to come has now come into our lives, the lives of our congregations, the lives of our community? Where is the Divine’s incarnate presence shaping life anew?

Prayer:

God who has come among us, who continues to dwell among us, and who is to come among us again, be palpable to us in the renewed life of those who are living at the edge, those who wait for Good News, with militant patience, for help and for hope. Amen.

OSLC Ministry Corner

Red Cross Blood Drive
December 18th / 1-6pm

Come give blood and help save a life! Sign up for your slot at redcross.org or talk with Jan Jackson. We have been a huge support to this ongoing need in our community!



This service is open to all people. On Monday, Dec 22nd at 4:00pm. A Longest Night Service (also called a Blue Christmas service) offers space for those who find the holiday season difficult due to grief, loss, illness, or struggle. Through prayer, scripture, quiet reflection, and candlelight, we acknowledge our pain and seek God’s comfort and hope in the midst of darkness. The group will be invited to leave in silence or join one another to a local restaurant to seek table fellowship together.



"Lord Jesus, You are my righteousness, I am your sin. You took on you what was mine; yet set on me what was yours. You became what you were not, that I might become what I was not."
-Martin Luther

For Life's Ups and Downs

"the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous."
- Psalm 146:8

The Lord opens our eyes not only to visually but the eyes within our hearts and minds.

We see the needs of others, the Good News of the Gospel, and the love of Christ around us.

The Lord lifts us up from our lowly estates and esteems and helps us find joy.

The Lord loves the righteous, well....as righteous as we try to be for the sake of doing the will of God.

Grace straightens our paths and makes our souls righteous in the eyes of the Lord.

Our whole being blessed and set free by Christ.- PJ

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