

Devotions for Advent

Read the lectionary passages from the Prophets several times during Advent. Spread one over a few days, or read them in sequence repeatedly.

Isaiah 64:1-9; Isaiah 40:1-11; Isaiah 61:1-11; Isaiah 62:6-12

For Reflection after each time you read:

There are different kinds of waiting. There is impatient waiting sometimes with frustration as when you are at the supermarket checkout while someone counts out his or her exact change from a change-purse one coin at a time. There is anxious waiting like when you wiggle with crossed legs eager to use or get to a bathroom. But these are not the kind of waiting we find in these Scriptures texts. These texts are about active waiting, expectant waiting, something like pregnancy.



These texts come from the time when the Hebrew people were in Exile in Babylon. They had been forcibly removed from their homeland which laid ruined and devastated by warfare. They spent almost fifty years there, so some of those who were first deported died and never returned. Others were born in Exile. But where was God? Why had this happened? Their prophets told them their own waywardness and idolatry brought such a disaster upon themselves. Some time in the middle of their days of despair, they heard these different prophetic songs: songs of hope and promise, songs that expected God to some day lead them and carry them back home to rebuild a land and society of plenty and restored righteousness.

1. When have you felt exiled, that is, not at home in the world, or in your community, or family, or with yourself?

2. What did you hope and pray for as a way of restoration and recovery?

3. Where do you feel not “at home” in the world today? What prayer to God would you offer?

Worship and Other Events



Sunday, December 4th and 11th
Angel Tree gifts received in Grand Bend

Sunday, December 4th and 11th at 7 p.m.

“Night of the Father’s Love”: a Cantata
presented by the Grand Bend Choir (*freewill offering*)

Sunday, December 11th

White Gift Sunday

*You are invited to bring non-perishable foods to worship
to donate to people in need in our own region*

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24th
The Sacrament of our Lord’s Supper

Worship at Greenway United at 6:30 p.m.
Worship at Grand Bend United at 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship – Sun., December 25th
9:30 a.m. at Greenway United only

New Year’s Day Worship – Sun. January 1st
11:00 a.m. at Grand Bend United only