Dearly beloved:

As we approach Christmas this year I want to invite you to attend our FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This is an exquisitely beautiful service based on the same service from King’s College, Cambridge University in England. Perhaps you have heard it broadcast on the BBC at Christmas? There will be special music voluntaries, the opening Processional Hymn, “Once in Royal David’s City” will begin with a boy soprano with bell-like clarity singing a cappella. The sanctuary will be dimmed and the choir majestically process in to hand held tapers. A stringed quartet will add to the beauty of the day. It is the perfect preparation for Christmas!

The service originated in England in 1880 and was begun at King’s College Cambridge in 1918 by Archbishop of Canterbury, Edward White Benson. The Lessons and Carols parallel the salvation story of the Bible. From the fall of humanity in the Garden of Eden, as read in Genesis, to the Word become flesh, read from John 1, the promise of a coming Messiah, foretold and announced through Word and song.

Special readers are drawn from the congregation and notables in church, academia and community. This year Dr. Larry Stratton, professor at Waynesburg University will read, as well as County Commissioner, Larry Maggi, and Executive Presbyter, Craig Kephart.

Won’t you come and invite a friend to prepare our hearts for Christmas this year?

Your friend, with JOY!
Pastor Stu

There are four services on Christmas Eve due to Christmas Eve also being the fourth Sunday of Advent

There is one contemporary service at 10:00 a.m. in the Covenant Center. The second service is the Children’s Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m. also in the Covenant Center.

The third service is a Choral Christmas Celebration with our Covenant Choir singing and special music at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The fourth service, our traditional Candlelight Service is a quieter, more reflective service with harp and violins at 11:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Please join us as we celebrate His birth!!
NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory Of

Betty Donaldson
Memorial Gift          Dr. Scott Donaldson

Mary Stewart
Library and Parlor Renovation       Jayne Wilson

In Honor Of

Matthew Dyer, For Youth Education       Tara Dyer

For Missions       Anonymous
Puerto Rico           Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnston

BAPTISMS

Baptized November 19, 2017, at the 11:00 worship service, Evangeline Grace Shannon, born February 23, 2016. She is the daughter of Sam and Cristina Carnes Shannon and the granddaughter of church member Carol Carnes. The Rev. Benjamin Scott officiated.

Also, Ms. Brittany Ingram was baptized November 19, 2017, at the 11:00 worship service, in conjunction with being received as a new member. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiated.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD

THE COVENANT FUND

The Stewardship Committee is wrapping up the campaign for The Covenant Fund and we want to thank the congregation for again being a generous and giving people. We ask you to consider making a pledge by Christmas this year. We are seeking to fulfill our Mission Statement—“To know Christ and make Him known to the next generation”. And we need to go into 2018 assured that we can do precisely this and meet our goal of $625,000 in pledges. Let’s be “in covenant” and write the true message of Christmas on our heart. “I will write it upon their hearts” promises God (Jeremiah 31: 33) Let’s give that gift to Jesus this Christmas!

Your Stewardship Committee: Gordon Core, Chair, Dan Halulko, Second Elder, Joel Braun, Susan Kepler, Butch Richmond, Brian Teagarden, Barry Blose, Emily Blose, Stu Broberg, Staff.

December at a Glance

Sun. 12/3  Communion, First Sunday of Advent
Sun. 12/10   Second Sunday of Advent, 9:00 Contemporary Worship Cov. Center, 11:00 Lessons and Carols, Sanctuary
Tues. 12/5  PW Candlelight Buffet
Sun. 12/17   Third Sunday of Advent—Festival Sunday 
                       One worship service 10:00 a.m. & live nativity.
Tues. 12/12  Finals Feast for W&J students
Wed. 12/13   Covenant Advent Event ~ Pot luck supper and Star of Bethlehem movie.
Wed. & Thurs. 12/20 & 12/21  Preschool
Christmas Programs in Cov. Center
Sun. 12/24   Christmas Eve  4 Services
10:00am Contemporary Service -Covenant Center
6:00pm Children’s Family Service - Covenant Center
8:00pm Choral Christmas Celebration - Sanctuary
11:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service - Sanctuary
Mon. 12/25  The Church and office are closed.
Tues. 12/26  The Church and office are closed.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank, with much appreciation, all of you that have given me cards and gifts to acknowledge my 25 years at The Church of the Covenant. Your kind words and encouragement mean so much to me. Getting to know the folks here at the church has been a joy.

Thanks again for all of your kind words and prayers.
Cyndi Barney

USHER TEAM 1 IS ON FOR DECEMBER

Jim Edwards  Louis Barletta  Chris Edwards
John Riddle  Joel Braun  Don Faust
Brant Barletta  Brian Edwards
## DECEMBER/ADVENT PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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<td>We begin Advent by welcoming Pastor Evens from the New Testament Mission to our pulpit.</td>
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<td>Pastor Evens is the pastor serving the New Testament Church in Lacroix. He leads the people in Lacroix and often helps the mission teams that come to serve. We welcome Pastor Evens to the church.</td>
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<td>THE GOOD BOLIVIANO&lt;br&gt;First in a series: No Room at the Inn&lt;br&gt;“He had compassion...” v. 33&lt;br&gt;The story of the Good Samaritan recast into today’s world. The sojourner in our midst and how Christ seeks to pour out His compassion into our world.</td>
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<td>9:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Contemporary Luke 10: 33&lt;br&gt;“He had compassion...” v. 33&lt;br&gt;The beautiful service of candlelight, scripture lessons Christmas Carols and moving choral and instrumental music.</td>
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<td>Covenant Center&lt;br&gt;Pastor Kay preaching&lt;br&gt;The Christmas sermon series is based on the observation Jesus was born in a manger because first He had been refused shelter at an Inn in Bethlehem. So the question of Advent and Christmas is: Is there room in our heart for Jesus? It roughly follows the Old Testament three-fold concerns for “the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow” in our midst (Deuteronomy 26: 12)</td>
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<td>11:00 a.m.</td>
<td>LESSONS AND CAROLS&lt;br&gt;“But to all who received Him...He gave power to become children of God.” John 1: 12&lt;br&gt;The beautiful service of candlelight, scripture lessons Christmas Carols and moving choral and instrumental music.</td>
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<td>Second Advent&lt;br&gt;Traditional&lt;br&gt;This Sunday there are two services and two different options. The Contemporary 943 service moves to 9:00 a.m. with praise choruses and sermon. The traditional service is at 11:00 a.m. only and consists of a Service of Lessons and Carols, based on the service from King’s College, Cambridge University in England.</td>
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<td>BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE&lt;br&gt;A service specifically designed for people facing grief and loss at the holidays.</td>
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<td>The Father’s love begotten in a manger proves the goodness of God. God reaches out and adopts every part of us orphaned and apart from Him.</td>
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<td>THE GOOD, GOOD FATHER&lt;br&gt;Galatians 4: 3-7&lt;br&gt;“...receive adoption as sons.” v. 5&lt;br&gt;One service 10:00 a.m. Second in a Series: No Room at the Inn&lt;br&gt;One service only at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Processional of the Holy Family, Live Nativity Scene with petting zoo for kids. Special music with children. A must attend service for children of all ages!</td>
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<td>6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>POSTSCRIPT FOR AN INNKEEPER&lt;br&gt;Fourth in a Series: No Room at the Inn&lt;br&gt;“...because there was no place for them at the Inn.” v. 7&lt;br&gt;First person sermon from the perspective of the innkeeper who turned Jesus away on Christmas.</td>
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<td>4th Advent&lt;br&gt;Contemporary Service ~ Covenant Center&lt;br&gt;8:00 p.m. &amp; 11:00 p.m.&lt;br&gt;Lake 2: 1-7&lt;br&gt;Special music with children. A must attend service for children of all ages!</td>
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PARISH NURSE CORNER

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NEW PHONE & MEMBER DIRECTORY

The new phone/membership directory, for The Church of the Covenant will be ready for publishing early in 2018. If you have had a change in address or phone number please call the office (724-222-0190) or email churchoftheco@comcast.net so that we can make the updates. Also, anyone interested in placing your business advertisement or personal message, in support of our new directory, should call Dick Garfield at (800)-544-6903 ext.112 or email dgarfield@cathedraldirectories.com. Your current ad or business card could be used, or help in making up a new ad could be arranged. Please feel free to pass this information on to others. Advertisers do not need to be members of our church.

FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

For prayer support or to join this ministry, call the church office. Please contact the Fellowship of Concern to give the names of those who are in need of prayer for health or other reasons. The names will then be called or emailed to the church members who pray daily for others. Prayer request forms are available in each pew. Completed forms may be placed in the offering basket on Sunday.

2017 MISSION GIVING SUMMARY

Each year, a portion of the resources that Church of the Covenant members pledge to the Lord is used to fund the mission work of the church. Church of the Covenant policy is to use ten percent of the resources pledged to the General Fund for designated mission activity. One of the responsibilities of the Mission Committee is to allocate the designated mission funds to activities that serve others in the name of the Lord.

The Committee focuses on finding agencies and individuals whose general missions are Christian-based and whose performance, over time, demonstrates that they are effective and trustworthy. We support organizations and people that not only actively proclaim their faith in Christ, but also feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, relieve suffering associated with loneliness, addiction, domestic violence, and poverty, and respond to unforeseen disasters.

In 2017 Church of the Covenant used 30% of the Mission budget to support local, Washington organizations like the City Mission, Washington County Food Bank, the Lemoyne Center, Presbyterian Senior Care, Blessings in a Backpack, Turning Point, Faith in Action, and the church’s Pre-school. Twenty-seven percent of the Mission budget was directed to organizations that support causes on a national level, i.e., Habitat for Humanity, Washington Presbyterian’s work in Ethiopia, PCUSA Disaster Relief, and Samaritan’s Purse (the latter two directly supported disaster relief this year in Texas and Florida). The remaining 43% of the Mission budget was directed to international organizations that support, inter alia, the Schrader and Roths families’ missionary work, the LaCroix New Testament Mission in Haiti, Haitian child sponsorship, and a ministry in Sierra Leone.

Through the generosity of church members, the Committee also has annual access to resources generated by endowments that have been established specifically for mission activity. This year endowments enabled substantial donations to Pine Springs Camp, CASA for Kids, Resurrection Power, and Holt International Adoption. Church member generosity, outside of pledged giving, also enables in-year mission activity. “Change for Change” offerings this year assisted the Lemoyne Center’s summer lunch program and our youth participation in Mission Washington. In-year donations also provided relief supplies for U.S. hurricane victims, medicine for a Mission trip to Haiti in April, and helped to fund a Mission trip to an impoverished West Virginia town this past August.

Because candidates for receiving mission giving are virtually limitless, the Committee disburses the finite resources carefully and thoughtfully. In addition to the criteria cited above, the Committee also invites agencies to meet with the Committee to explain their missions. Moreover we use charity tools like Charity Navigator and GuideStar to investigate candidate validity. The Committee also asks agencies requesting support for the first time to fill out a questionnaire articulating their mission, history, and qualifications.

Your giving is deeply appreciated and the Mission Committee is grateful for your continued support of the Lord’s work in Church of the Covenant. Your gifts are put to good use in supporting local and world missions that truly matter. Thank you.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND ADVENT ACTIVITIES

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Sunday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m. - Everyone - Adults, singles, grandparents, children's Sunday School classes - all are invited to join in a Keepsake Christmas in the Covenant Center following the 9:00 a.m. Contemporary (943) worship service. There will be a dramatic retelling of the Christmas Story. Attendees will create their own Nativity Scene (one per household) to take home. Stay and be blessed afterwards by the Service of Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 17 - On Festival Sunday there will be one service at 10:00 a.m. The COTC children will be sharing a short Christmas Production of "Children's Nativity." The cast will lead us in the Christmas Story interspersed with traditional Christmas Songs. Dr. Broberg will be preaching. Following the worship service the congregation will follow "Mary and Joseph" and the cast of characters down the aisle and outside to see the Living Nativity (including live animals!)

Sunday, December 24 - On Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. an informal worship service geared for families with young children will be held in the Covenant Center. Check the December newsletter for details about participating in the skit for that evening. Traditional Christmas Eve services will be held in the sanctuary at 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

COVENANT ADVENT EVENT ~ Dinner and a Movie

The church staff is excited to be planning a new and different type of evening as part of our Advent celebration this year. On Wednesday, December 13, we will have a Pot Luck Supper at 6:00 p.m. in the Covenant Center. We’d love it if last names beginning with A-H would bring side dishes; I-M would bring a salad of some type; and N-Z some delicious desserts. Please bring enough to share with 10-12 people! The staff will provide a main dish of delicious holiday ham. After sharing a meal together we will present the movie “Star of Bethlehem”, a Christian documentary chronicling Rick Larson's use of contemporary astronomical software in conjunction with historical sources (both Christian and non-) to locate the position of various heavenly bodies during major biblical events. The movie is 1hr. 30 min. long and has outstanding reviews. It will be a wonderful evening of food, fellowship and faith as we await the arrival of our Savior! Please join us!

DECEMBER 10TH WILL BE A MULTIGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT

“Keepsake Christmas, Making Memories at the Manger”, in the dining room at 10am. This program will be held in between the 9:00am and 11:00am church services held this morning. Participants who visit Keepsake Christmas will experience the Christmas story as told by Mary, Joseph, and an Angel while creating their very own nativity scene to take home. Please register by calling the church office, signing up at the Welcome Center, or on the church website so that materials can be ordered. During the 11:00am service, families and children are invited to celebrate Lessons and Carols in the sanctuary. Children can sit with Sunday school teachers or with their families. Grades 5th-12th are welcome to sit with their teachers and/or their friends to enjoy this special service.

CLUB 56 NEWS

Save the dates for upcoming Club 56 events!

December 3rd: We will make cards to be passed out to our more homebound members in January and have a church wide scavenger hunt.

December 17th: There will be a live nativity again this year after the 11:00am worship service...be on the lookout for opportunities to help be a part of the nativity. At our regular meeting time, we will have a Minute to Win It game night. Join in the fun!!

January 7th: a night of kickball and other gym games. There will be a hot chocolate bar…yum! (This night might be changed to a visitation night. We’ll load in the van and visit some of our homebound members.)

January 21st: Ice Cream Party and mission project. Ice cream party…need we say more? Stay tuned to hear the exact mission project, but we are hoping to put together something for Children’s Hospital.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Come join in the Christmas spirit of our Preschool children. The four and five year olds production is a play titled “Christmas Step by Step” at 9:30 and 1:00 in the Covenant Center on Dec. 20th. Wait --there is still more fun to be had.... Dec. 21st at 10:00 the three year olds will be singing, playing lummi sticks/ringing jingle bells for all in the Covenant Center. Won't you come and witness Christmas Spirit from the Preschoolers? Join in the fellowship with the families--meet some new people and experience the joy of Jesus in all!! Warm Christmas wishes to everyone!!!
**WHITE GIFTS ~ UPDATE FROM THE DEACONS**

The Deacons of the church are planning to designate the White Gifts, given to the church this year, to buy gift cards for CASA and DVSSW (Domestic Violence Service of SW PA). It has been reported to us that many families have needs at Christmas and birthdays that could be met by having a gift card. Through no fault of their own, children and families are victims of abuse and neglect. Families, particularly children, who are torn from their homes, may be able to take little to nothing with them. Often, they must leave treasured items and items of comfort behind. We know that these two particular organizations in Washington help families in need. We are asking the congregation to help make by making financial contributions. White gift envelopes can be found in your boxed envelope sets, in the pews, or contributions can also be sent to the church. Checks should be made payable to The Church of the Covenant with “White Gifts” in the memo line. The Deacons are hoping to make life a little easier for some special families in our community. “Thank you for giving to the Lord.” Your generosity will help families in need who need our help.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

On Consecration Sunday, November 19, 2017 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary, the congregation of The Church of the Covenant received our New Members! Those new blessings to our church family include:

- Rebecca Aizupitis, Jill Frick, Kirstin Hill, Brittany Ingram, and Paul and Kara Jurovcik with daughter Lauren and son Adem.

We are pleased to welcome you to our church family and look forward to sharing God’s blessings with you!

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**UPCOMING TRAVEL CLUB TRIPS**

Friday, January 5 – Love Never Dies, a sequel to Phantom of the Opera. Price is $130 with dinner at the Walnut Grill in Bridgeville. Still have openings.

Questions?? Email or call Marge McWreath, mmcwreath@msn.com or 724 225 3226.

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**P.W. CANDLELIGHT BUFFET**

On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, the Presbyterian Women (combined Afternoon and Evening Circles) will hold their annual Christmas Candlelight Buffet. The evening begins at 5:30 PM and we welcome the delightful Camerata Singers from Washington and Jefferson College as our holiday entertainment! Please mark your calendars to note the time. We will provide the main dish so members and guests are asked to bring salad, vegetables or dessert. All women are welcome.

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**THE HAT AND MITTEN TREE**

will be empty at first, but by Sunday December 17th (last day for donations) it will be adorned beautifully with new hats, mittens and gloves which will be delivered to the Avis Arbor women’s shelter.

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**CANCELLATION AND CLOSING REMINDER:**

The church and preschool will be closed when Trinity School District CANCELS classes due to weather conditions

There will be no meetings or activities at the church on those days.

When there is a 2 hour delay in the Trinity School District the church and preschool will be open ~ meetings and activities will continue as scheduled unless otherwise notified. Please, always use you own discretion in these circumstances.

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**DEADLINE FOR THE Jan./Feb. MESSENGER Is January 15th.**
Congratulations to our Church Preschool as they were voted #1 in Washington County! The announcement was made at a wonderful gala held on November 9th at The Doubletree at the Meadows with over 600 people in attendance. Now everyone knows what we’ve known all along!! What a wonderful recognition of the hard work done by Director Camille Braun and her staff of teachers! Well done, ladies!

“CHRISTIAN FAITH IN A TURBULENT PUBLIC SQUARE”

The COTC Adult Education committee invited Mayor Scott Putnam, Commissioner Diana Irey Vaughan, and Joseph Zupancic, Esq., to be part of a panel discussion on Oct 17th moderated by Don Nixon as part of the Tuesday evening Speaker Series, “Christian Faith in a Turbulent Public Square.” The panel was asked questions that had been raised by the previous three lectures by Dr. Larry Stratton: “How does your personal faith influence your work as a public servant?” “How should Christian faith and values influence policy?” “How can we as Christians embody the grace and truth of Jesus Christ while we converse with friends and co-workers about these issues?”

Mayor Putnam talked about needing Jesus every day of your life, not just at church on Sundays. Attorney Zupancic discussed his work on the school board, and the challenge of being respectful of people’s diversity when there is a collision of rights and values in the schools.

I was most surprised to learn that Commissioner Vaughan participates in prayer walks around the courthouse. She talked about her faith in Jesus Christ as being not just in her head, but in her heart. “God calls those he knows He can transform, not necessarily those who know what they are doing by the world’s standards.”

The panel encouraged the audience not to give up on people; even those who are in trouble have value. There are plenty of opportunities for Christians to mentor and disciple inmates at the jails, to give them hope and help them to turn their lives around. The troubles in our country need a spiritual solution and treatment for mental health issues, more than incarceration or more government funding.

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CHRISTMAS READING OPPORTUNITIES

If you’d like to read a book with a CHRISTMAS THEME, you can do the following:

1. Browse the shelves for books with a Christmas tree on their spines (most are located on the 813.5 shelves)

OR

2. Check the card catalog’s SUBJECT FILE. Look up “Christmas” and you’ll find the titles and location of the books that contain a holiday theme.

Also if you’re looking for a gift idea for the person who has everything, consider donating a book to the library in honor of that individual. It’s a lasting gift that will be enjoyed by many. Forms for such a purpose are located on the shelf to the right as you enter the library. You can also contact Barb Knight for more information.
### Daily Scripture Readings for December 2017

**Thursday, Dec 1**
- Isa. 2:5–22
- 1 Thess. 3:1–13

**Friday, Dec 2**
- Isa. 3:1–4:1
- 1 Thess. 4:1–12

**Saturday, Dec 3**
- Isa. 4:2–6
- 1 Thess. 4:13–18

**Sunday, Dec 4**
- 2nd Sunday Advent
- Isa. 5:1–2
- Peter 3:11–18

**Monday, Dec 5**
- Isa. 5:8–17
- 1 Thess. 5:1–11

**Tuesday, Dec 6**
- Isa. 6:1–13
- 2 Thess. 1:1–12
- John 7:53–8:11

**Wednesday, Dec 7**
- Isa. 7:1–9
- 2 Thess. 2:1–12

**Thursday, Dec 8**
- Isa. 7:10–22
- 1 Thess. 2:13–3:5

**Friday, December 9**
- 3rd Sunday Advent
- Isa. 13:1–13
- Heb. 12:18–29
- John 3:22–30

**Saturday, Dec 9**
- Isa. 8:1–15
- 1 Thess. 4:13–18

**Sunday, Dec 10**
- 3rd Sunday Advent
- Isa. 11:10–16
- Rev. 20:1–10
- John 5:30–47

**Monday, Dec 11**
- Isa. 8:16–9:1
- 2 Peter 1:1–11

**Tuesday, Dec 12**
- Isa. 9:2–7
- 2 Peter 1:12–21
- Luke 22:54–69

**Wednesday, Dec 13**
- Isa. 9:8–17
- 2 Peter 2:1–10a
- Mark 1:1–8

**Thursday, Dec 14**
- Isa. 9:18–10:4
- 2 Peter 2:10b–16
- Matt. 3:1–12

**Friday, Dec 15**
- Isa. 10:5–19
- 2 Peter 2:17–22
- Matt. 11:2–15

**Saturday, Dec 16**
- Isa. 10:20–27
- Jude 17–25

**Sunday, Dec 17**
- 4th Sunday Advent
- Isa. 11:1–9
- Eph. 6:10–20
- John 3:16–21

**Monday, Dec 18**
- Isa. 11:10–16
- Rev. 20:1–10
- John 5:30–47

**Tuesday, Dec 19**
- Isa. 11:17–25
- 2 Peter 1:12–21

**Wednesday, Dec 20**
- Isa. 28:9–22
- Rev. 21:9–21
- Luke 1:26–38

**Thursday, Dec 21**
- Isa. 29:9–14
- Rev. 21:20–21

**Friday, Dec 22**
- Isa. 30:1–9
- Rev. 21:22–22:5
- Luke 1:9–19

**Saturday, Dec 23**
- Isa. 31:1–9
- Rev. 21:23–22:5
- Luke 1:20–31

**Sunday, Dec 24**
- Isa. 32:1–18
- Rev. 21:26–27

**Monday, Dec 25**
- Isa. 33:1–11
- Rev. 21:28–22:12

**Tuesday, Dec 26**
- Isa. 34:1–17
- Rev. 21:30–22:13

**Wednesday, Dec 27**
- Isa. 35:1–10
- Rev. 22:15–22:14

**Thursday, Dec 28**
- Isa. 36:1–14
- Luke 1:51–60

**Friday, Dec 29**
- Isa. 37:1–15
- Rev. 23:7–24:8
- Luke 1:61–70

**Saturday, Dec 30**
- Isa. 38:1–23
- Rev. 24:9–25:12

**Sunday, Dec 31**
- Isa. 39:1–23
- Rev. 25:13–26:12
- Luke 1:81–90

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