

We Remember in Prayer

*Help carry one another's burden, and in this way
you will obey the law of Christ.* Galatians 6:2

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Congregation Members with

Special Needs: Steve Heizer

Those in Military Service:

Albert Miller Jr., Robert &
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Our College Students:

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Our Missions Near & Far:

WRE, RARA, Gideons
International, Relay for Life,
Young Life, Theological

Seminaries, Habitat for
Humanity, Blue Ridge Food
Bank, Kings Way Help Center,
Presbyterian Disaster
Assistance, Massanetta
Springs, Rockbridge Area
Hospice, Samaritan's Purse,
Living Waters of the World



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020—2ND ADVENT

9:30AM Advent Study Online & In-person
—"THE JOURNEY" Chapter 3

10:30AM Advent Fellowship

11:00AM Worship Service-**In-Person & Online**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020

3:00 PM General Fellowship Time on Zoom Video

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020

4:00PM Compassion & Fellowship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020—3RD ADVENT

9:30AM Advent Study Online & In-person
—"THE JOURNEY" Chapter 4

10:30AM Advent Fellowship

11:00AM Worship Service-**In-Person & Online**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Session Meeting — Wednesday, December 16th



The Angel Tree Project provides Christmas gifts for needy children to help them know the joy that the season brings. This year we have adopted a family in Fairfield with four children ages 3 through 10. This family has identified specific needs and wants for each child. Pick a tag from the tree and purchase your gift as stated on the wooden bell-shaped ornament. Return your gift unwrapped to the Angel Tree with the ornament attached. All gifts are due by Sunday, December 13th. Gifts will then be delivered to Fairfield Elementary School for distribution to the chosen family. This is a wonderful way to express our generosity and give hope and cheer to a family in our community.

Isaiah 40:3-5

- 3 A voice cries out:
“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
- 5 Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Matthew 3:1-3

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

2 Peter 3:8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”