

29 November 2020

FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

Advent is a time to be alert
for the coming of Christ

verse for the week

Beware, keep
alert; for you
do not know
when the time
will come.

MARK 13:33

Caring Conversations

Share your highs
and lows of the
day, or respond
to the following
questions:

1

Talk about a time
you were waiting
for something or
someone.

2

Advent begins
with a focus on
Christ's second
coming. How does
your Christian faith
help you keep
alert for Christ's
return? Reflect on
how waiting for
Christ's return is an
important part of
the Christian faith.
Jesus said,
"my words will
never pass away"
(Mark 13:31).

3

What words or
stories of Jesus
are especially
important to you?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 13:24-37	The day and hour unknown
M	Isaiah 64:1-9	A communal prayer for help
T	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	God is faithful
W	Isaiah 9:1-7	The promised messiah
T	Matthew 24:29-31	The coming of the Son of Man
F	Revelation 1:1-6	Christ sends a message
S	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Prayer for Israel's restoration
S	Mark 1:1-8	The beginning of the good news

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase
was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Gracious God, we
thank you for your
love that reaches
out to us through
Christ our Saviour.
Give us joy and
gladness as we
wait for his coming
again. Amen.

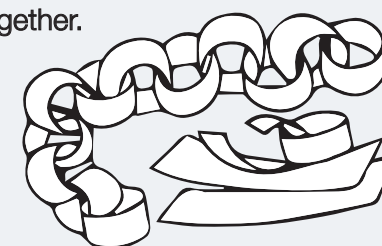
BLESSING

May the God of
grace and peace
and the Lord
Jesus Christ
keep you strong
in your faith until
Jesus comes
again.

Creative Response

Make a paper chain with a link for each day of December up
to Christmas Day. Write one of the instructions listed below on
each link. Remove a link each day and do what it says:

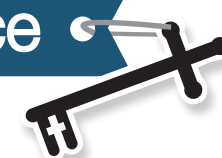
1. Share: "What gives you peace?"
2. Share: "What gives you joy?"
3. Share: "What gives you hope?"
4. Share compliments with each other.
5. Read Jeremiah 33:14-16.
6. Share hugs with one another.
7. Share good Christmas memories.
8. Read Isaiah 11:1-3.
9. Play a game together.
10. Sing a Christmas carol.
11. Share what you like about Christmas.
12. Read Micah 5:2-4.
13. Tell the nativity story to each other.
14. Prepare Christmas cards to give out.
15. Read Isaiah 7:14.
16. Sing another Christmas carol.
17. Do deeds of service for each other.
18. Share a Christmas food.
19. Read Isaiah 9:6-7.
20. Go for a walk together.
21. Draw a Christmas picture together.
22. Read Luke 1:26-38.
23. Read Matthew 1:18-24.
24. Read Luke 2:1-7



mealtime prayer

Lord God, thank you for giving us hope for the
heart and food for the plate. For Jesus our saviour
we watch and we wait. Amen.

Service



Part of Christian
waiting for Christ's
coming again
is to care for
others with loving
service. Purchase
nonperishable grocery
items to donate to a
local food shelf. Pray
for the people who will
receive the food.

