

Calendar for December 3– December 10

Sunday, December 3

1st Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Worship/Communion

10:45 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, December 6 (cont.)

6:00 PM

Blue Christmas
Service

7:30 PM

Choir rehearsal

Monday, December 4

10:00 AM Two Rivers Readers

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn
Bible Study

Thursday, December 7

8:30 PM

Big Steppers Men's
group

Saturday, December 9

12:00 PM

Meal site

Tuesday, December 5

3:30—6 PM Young Lions Roar

Wednesday, December 6

12:00 PM Prayer/ Devotion
via FB & Zoom

3:30—6 PM Young Lions Roar

Sunday, December 10

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM

Worship

10:45 AM

Sunday School

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Peace



WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Luke 1:37

Nothing is impossible for God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday

Luke 1:26-38

Mary is visited by an angel

Monday

Mt. 1:1-7, 16-17

The genealogy of Mary's husband

Tuesday

Mt. 1:18-25

Mary gives birth

Wednesday

Numbers 13:25-33

Spies spread fearful rumors

Thursday

Numbers 14:31-38

Israel's fear punished

Friday

Joshua 1:1-9

Joshua chosen

Saturday

Joshua 1:10-16

Joshua speaks to the people

Reflections on Tamar's story.

- ◇ Why do you think Matthew included Tamar as one of the women named in the genealogy?
- ◇ Tamar's actions would be considered taboo at best in almost any culture or time. How could she be considered righteous?
- ◇ What righteous acts are ones that restore justice. What are other righteous acts that might be condemned by some?

Thinking about next week, Rahab.

- ◇ The people wandered in the desert as punishment for believing in fear-mongering instead of being faithful. What rumors today hold way too much sway over us as a people?
- ◇ Rahab's actions saved her family but her own people might have considered her a traitor. How should we remember Rahab?

Advent Peace

- ◇ How can you cultivate peace this Advent season?

Upcoming Sermon: Grandmothers of Jesus

Dec. 10

Advent 2

Rahab

Joshua 2:1-21

Dec. 17*

Advent 3

Ruth

Ruth 3:1-18, 4:13-17

*"Christmas Sweater Sunday"

Dec. 24

Advent 4 at 9:30 a.m.

Bathsheba 2 Samuel 11:1-15

Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m.

Luke 1:26-38 (CEB)

When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom."

Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?"

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son. Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. Nothing is impossible for God."

Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Genesis 38:13-19, 24-27 (CEB)

Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is now on his way up to Timnah to shear his sheep." So Tamar took off the clothing she wore as a widow, covered herself with a veil, put on makeup, and sat down at the entrance to Enaim on the road to Timnah, since she realized that although Shelah had already grown up, she hadn't been given to him as a wife.

Judah saw her and thought she was a prostitute because she had covered her face. He turned to her beside the road and said, "Let me sleep with you," because he didn't know she was his daughter-in-law. She said, "What will you give me for sleeping with you?"

He said, "I will give you a kid goat from my flock." She said, "Only if you give me some deposit, as security to guarantee that you will send it."

He said, "What kind of deposit should I give you?" And she said, "Your seal, its cord, and the staff in your hand." He gave these to her, slept with her, and she became pregnant by him.

Then she got up, left, and took off her veil, dressing once again in the clothing she wore as a widow.

About three months later, Judah was told, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar has become a prostitute and is now pregnant because of it." And Judah said, "Bring her out so that she may be burned."

When she was brought out, she sent this message to her father-in-law, "I'm pregnant by the man who owns these things. See if you recognize whose seal, cord, and staff these are."

Judah recognized them and said, "She's more righteous than I am, because I didn't allow her to marry my son Shelah." Judah never knew her intimately again.

When she gave birth, she discovered she had twins in her womb.