

Words for the Beginning: God with Us
Advent Bible Study on Isaiah

Tuesdays: November 19th – 17th @ 9:30am

Thursday Evenings (with 2 Tuesday evenings):

Thursday: November 21st – 12th @ 7pm

Tuesday: November 26th & December 17th

Tuesday Schedule

<i>November 19th</i>	Isaiah 2:1-5; 7:10-17	The Birth of Love
<i>November 26th</i>	Isaiah 9:1-7	The Birth of Joy
<i>December 3rd</i>	Isaiah 11	The Birth of Peace
<i>December 10th</i>	Isaiah 40:1-11	The Birth of Hope
<i>December 17th</i>	Isaiah 60:1-18	The Birth of Light

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Go deeper:

Week 1:

What are the attributes of God that you love?

How will today look different as you approach it with the awareness that God – the God of the attributes you listed above – is by your side and for you?

Prayer: God, please help me to notice and rejoice in the big and small ways you are with me, today and every day. Amen.

Week 2:

What was your favorite gift as a child?

How have you experienced the gifts Jesus helped usher in: Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love?

Prayer: Holy One, as I consider gift giving and receiving in this season, may I be aware of the greatest gift given to me: the gift of joy, hope, peace, and love wrapped up in a tiny, vulnerable, bundle. Amen.

Week 3:

Think about a season of your life that felt dark and dismal. Did any spiritual awareness come from this time?

Is there is something in your life today that you need to let go of and give over to God?

Prayer: Holy One, where we can see only shadows and darkness, help us to the light the beckons the green shoots of possibility and hope. Amen.

Week 4:

What tangible things will you do to experience rest and renewal during this holiday season?

What can you set aside in this busy season so that you can truly experience rest and renewal, and the opening up of yourself to the Spirit of the Season?

Prayer: Holy One, you have already given me permission to rest in your comfort and peace. Please help me to give myself that same permission to rest and renew my mind, body, and spirit in this busy season. Amen.

Week 5:

Which qualities of a shepherd does Jesus possess? How is Jesus not like the great “king” envisioned here?

Who is Jesus for you/to you?

Prayer: Holy One, as I prepare my mind, body, and soul to welcome your Love into the world once again, may I be open to the path before me. Help me to remember the many ways you carry me when the path shifts and changes. Amen.

Week 6:

Where are you looking for the Light this Season? Can you see the Light shining through the darkness? If so, where?

Where are you experiencing the Hope, the Peace, the Joy, and the Love of the Season?

Prayer: God of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love help me to deepen my connection to you this Season. May Your Light shine brightly in my life and through my life this Season. Amen.