

South Atlantic Episcopal District

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

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Greetings beloved of the Lord.

We have just completed our 2021 Annual Conferences and are now preparing for the new Conference year. Here we now find ourselves in the Advent season. Advent is a season of expectation, hope and celebration of the past, present and future coming of Jesus Christ to the world.

The weeks of Advent remind us to set aside some of the hectic business of the holiday season, and to quietly reflect on the promise of the baby born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. The focus is on the prophecy of the coming of the Messiah and the expectancy of that fulfillment. The Bible readings listed below relate to the Advent themes of waiting, preparation, light in the darkness, and the coming of the promised Messiah. Advent is four weeks before Christmas (November 28th – December 24th). The liturgical color for this season is **PURPLE**. Christmas Day is Thursday, December 25th and the liturgical color is **WHITE**. This is followed by Christmastide which is a 12-day season from Christmas Day to Epiphany Day (Monday, January 3, 2022). There are 2 Sundays in Christmastide this year (December 26th and January 2nd)

First Week of Advent

Sunday, November 28, 2021 – Romans 13:11-14 Monday, November 29, 2021 – I Corinthians 1:3-9 Tuesday, November 30, 2021 – Mark 13:33-37 Wednesday, December 1, 2021 – John 1:1-5 Thursday, December 2, 2021 – John 1:6-9 Friday, December 3, 2021 – Jeremiah 33:14-16 Saturday, December 4, 2021 – Isaiah 6

Second Week of Advent

Sunday, December 5, 2021 – Romans 15:4-13 Monday, December 6, 2021 – Psalms 43:3-6 Tuesday, December 7, 2021 – Psalms 27:1-4 Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – Psalms 119:105-106 Thursday, December 9, 2021 – John 12:35-36 Friday, December 10, 2021 – Ephesians 5:6-14 Saturday, December 11, 2021 – I Peter 2:5-9

Third Week of Advent

Sunday, December 12, 2021 – Isaiah 60:1-3 Monday, December 13, 2021 – II Corinthians 4:3-6 Tuesday, December 14, 2021 – I John 1:4-7 Wednesday, December 15, 2021 – John 3:16-21 Thursday, December 16, 2021 – Isaiah 40:1-11 Friday, December 17, 2021 – John 9:1-7 Saturday, December 18, 2021 – Luke 3:1-6

Fourth Week of Advent

Sunday, December 19, 2021 – Isaiah 11:1-10 Monday, December 20, 2021 – Zephaniah 3:14-17 Tuesday, December 21, 2021 – Matthew 1:18-25 Wednesday, December 22, 2021 – Luke 2:8-20 Thursday, December 23, 2021 – Matthew 4:14-16 Friday, December 24, 2021 – Isaiah 2:1-5 Saturday, December 25, 2021 – Luke 2:25-33

Frist Sunday in Christmastide - Sunday, December 26, 2021

Second Sunday in Christmastide - Sunday, January 2, 2022

Epiphany - Monday, January 3, 2022

Yours In Christ,

Bishop Mildred B. Hines

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