# Notes: Sermon Text Subject Spiritual "To Do List" (things God has shown me today)

## The Christ of Advent

During Advent, Jesus is the Promise of the Father.

No matter how many promises God has made, they are
"Yes" in Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:20, NIV)

Think of our God, unlimited by time and place, all-seeing,

ever-present.

Everywhere and all eternity are the domain in which He dwells. He is complete and perfect, so He does not change. His Word is sovereign. All reality responds to His will. He speaks, and it is so.

For this God, His eternal purposes are certain and complete. They are not future possibilities. They are present reality.

But we are small and fearful, bound by time, creatures of the now. We see only ourselves and our tiny sliver of all that is. God's greatest blessings are too vast, too broad in time. We cannot trace His love and all its magnificent ways.

But our loving Father longs to wrap us in the beautiful certainty of all He is and all He does.

So He makes promises that let us glimpse His love beyond our now. His promises assure us of unchanging truth, that

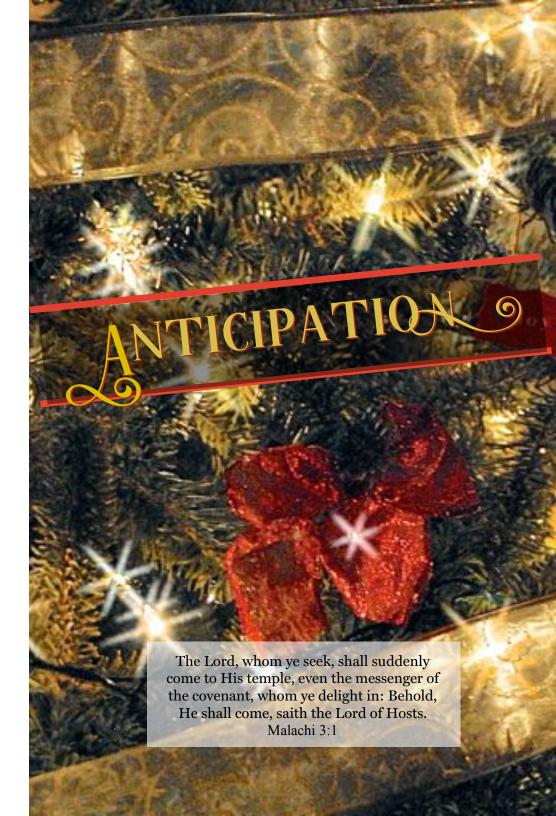
God will always be who He has always been; He will always do what He has always done; and He will complete all He has started.

God's promises are not empty words, rosy wishes, or mere intention. God's promises describe eternal reality.

And now, God's promises are a Person, a living, human, divine Person who embodies all God has done and all He is doing for His children.

During Advent, look to Jesus. He is the Promise of the Father. As He is, we will be.

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www.nyphc.org www.facebook.com/nyphc December 15, 2019 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On this third Sunday of Advent, we're glad you've joined us to prepare for Christ's coming — at Christmas, at the end of time and as we gather here today. Welcome!

# Call To Worship (Sing)

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, And come with singing unto Zion; And everlasting joy shall be upon their head.

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They shall obtain gladness and joy; And sorrow and mourning shall flee away. (Repeat first three lines)

-Isaiah 51:11

### Announcements

- December 18 Caroling. Meet at 6:30 p.m.
- December 20 Night of Prayer. Our assignment is 10:00 11:00 p.m.
- December 22 7:00 p.m. Choral Christmas Service -

# Caroling, Caroling The Carols of Alfred Burt

- December 25 CHRISTMAS 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
- The Christmas card mail sorter is up for "special delivery". We suggest that the money you save on postage be donated to missions or another worthy project.

Contributions for the beautiful poinsettias in our sanctuary have been donated by Bunnie and Bobbie Bates and in loving memory of:

Earl and Verna Ellis

The Noonan Family

Glenn and Ima Owens

Mark Posson

Maurice Schenck

Edwin Snyder

by Merylin Ellis

by Mary And Jeff LaPorte

by the Owens family

by John and Cathy Posson

by the Owens family

by Rosemary Snyder

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m. — FRIDAY: Women's Fellowship 10:30 a.m.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.—BCP

# **Prayer Requests**

- This week we are praying specifically for our sister church in Marcy, NY. James Brewer is the pastor.
- **Continue** to pray for:
  - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Bernie A., Pam, Ron, Byron S., Keith A., Rowan S., and Steven H.
  - Christians in danger all over the world.
  - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - Missionaries: Nichole Barr, the Blackcalfs, the Billses, B. Fay, the Davises, the Himelicks, the Millses, R. Moulton, the Samborskis, Jack Sherman, Judy Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
  - Our young people schoolwork, jobs, and life decisions
  - Bible Colleges GBSC, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
  - Safety and protection for our Armed Forces.
  - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical need requests:
  - Sharon Peabody, Regina Ford, Randy Staggs, Terry M., Anita P., Joanna Howell, Paulette Fay, Sharon Major, Pat and Marie Rooney, Charles and Thelma Heckman, Elaine Bates, Greg Davis, Duane and Dorothea Maxey.
- From Early Woodland:
  - Cecelia, Margaret, Hazel, Lindsay, Joyce, Jim, Todd, Renee.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

		Suggested Daily	Scripture Reading	
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
ОТ	Micah 1:1-4:13	Micah 5:1-7:20	Nahum 1:1-3:19	Habakkuk 1:1-3:19
NT	Revelation 6:1-17	Revelation 7:1-17	Revelation 8:1-13	Revelation 9:1-21
PSA	Psalm 134:1-3	Psalm 135:1-21	Psalm 136:1-26	Psalm 137:1-9
PROV	Proverbs 30:1-4	Proverbs 30:5-6	Proverbs 30:7-9	Proverbs 30:10
Thursday		Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Zephaniah 1:1-3:20		Haggai 1:1-2:23	Zechariah 1:1-21	Zechariah 2:1-3:10
Revelation 10:1-11		Revelation 11:1-19	Revelation 12:1-17	Revelation 13:1-13:18
Psalm 138:1-8		Psalm 139:1-24	Psalm 140:1-13	Psalm 141:1-10
Proverbs 30:11-14		Proverbs 30:15-16	Proverbs 30:17	Proverbs 30:18-20

# Notes:

Other announcements				
& prayer requests				