

SERMON NOTES

Advent 2: John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Mark 1:1-8

Take out your Bible and look up the scripture. Over the next week we invite you to sit down (by yourself or even better) with your small group, a friend, family member or soul-mate, and (think about) discuss the following questions:

1. Who is the wildest preacher you ever heard? How did you respond to their message?
2. Why is John's ministry so popular (vv. 4-5)? What qualities of a preacher or church (or small group) would bring you all the way into the "desert region" in order to get involved?
3. Why is John the Baptist so important to the story of Jesus? How well do you think John fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy (vv. 2-3)?
4. A couple of weeks ago we talked about the spiritual practice of *Confession*. When has repentance been especially important in your life? John the Baptist prepared "the way of the Lord." Who prepared the way of the Lord in your life?

Boiler Room Prayer Time - Sundays

If anyone would like to join us for prayer and quiet meditation before the service from 9:30-9:55 am you may join us in the library. All are welcome to attend.



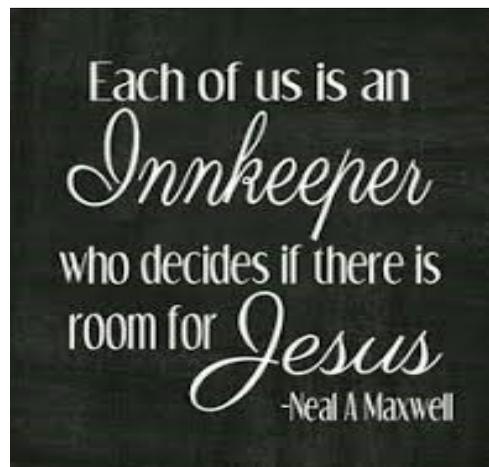
Advent-Christmas Teaching Series

Advent means "coming" or "arrival". We await the One who is coming, the promised Messiah, Jesus, the Babe born in Bethlehem. We are not awaiting the first coming, as that has already happened, but we are awaiting his second coming, when he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead" (Nicene Creed). So we are waiting to celebrate his first coming and birth in Bethlehem, but we are waiting for his second coming at the end of time. The difference is that we already know Him who is coming, and so that affects our waiting. We wait for Jesus, with Jesus, living like Jesus did when he was among us the first time. And that is the theme of our Advent series "Waiting for Jesus with Jesus"!



Free Community Breakfast

On Wed., December 13, 9:00-10:30 am, Trinity Church will host it's monthly breakfast. All are welcome to attend. First come, first served.



Mission Point Church

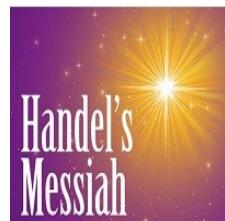
Each year Mission Point Church chooses an area of need in Saint John and distributes winter coats. This year they have chosen the Crescent Valley area and will be giving away winter coats in the upcoming months to those in need. If you are able to donate a jacket for this cause, please leave them in the Stone Church kitchen before December 16 and Pastor Wes Damon will pick them up. Thank you for your help in this worthy endeavor.



KV Memory Café - Sun., December 10, 2:00-4:00 pm

This month Cindy Grant will demonstrate Yoga for All and KidSing children's choir will get us into the musical joy of the Christmas season at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall - Rothesay. Come and bring folks out of their daily isolation and let them enjoy an afternoon in the company of those that understand what they are going through. For more information please contact Mark Harris at 634-8722 or email mharris@alzheimernb.ca.

The Saint John Men's Chorus, under the direction of Kevin Langford, will present "Songs of the Season" at St. Luke's Anglican Church on Tue., December 12 at 7:00 pm. Featured guests will be the Quispamsis Elementary School Choir and flute player, Katherine Ann Keery. Admission is \$15.00, available at the door and from Chorus members. Proceeds to Saint John Men's Chorus and St. Luke's Ministries.



Handel's Messiah - Fri., Dec. 22, 7:00 pm - Trinity Church

Spencer Belyea will be directing a 70 voice symphony chorus and chamber orchestra with special guests: soprano, Jessica McCormack; contralto, Heather Flemming; basso, Paul Bustin and visiting Tenor Colin Frotten. Advance ticket sale - Imperial Theatre (674-100). Tickets: \$35 Adult | Student \$10 | \$40 at the Door

U2-Service New Year's Eve, December 31 at 6:00 pm

Join us on New Year's Eve at 6:00 pm at Saint John Vineyard, 204 Carmarthen Street, as we lift our heads, hearts, hands and voices to celebrate Jesus Christ, the same "yesterday, today and forever"! Using the music of U2 as our songs of worship, and celebrating Communion together, we will close out the old year and welcome in the new. (Vineyard Worship Band and John Paul Westin).



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS
(the week of December 10-16, 2017)

Mon.	10:00 am	Street Hope Bible Study - Library
	10:00 am	City Prayer - Vineyard
	7:30 pm	Living Like Jesus (<i>Worship</i>) - Vineyard
Tue.	9:00 am	Stone Wash Laundry
	10:00 am	Street Hope Bible Study - Library
	12:15 pm	See Through the Scriptures - Vineyard
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon - Library
Wed.	9:00 am	Stone Wash Laundry
	9:00 am	Community Breakfast - Trinity Church
	10:00 am	Street Hope Bible Study - Library
	12:15 pm	Cooking with Rev. Jonathan - Stone Kitchen
Thu.	9:00 am	Stone Wash Laundry
	12:15 pm	Bible Study - Stone Church
	4:00 pm	Community Drop-in - 2nd Floor, Trinity Church
	6:30 pm	Movie Night (<i>Spiderman</i>) - Vineyard
Fri.	9:00 am	Stone Wash Laundry
	3:00 pm	Ladies Craft Group -- Stone Church
	7:00 pm	Street Hope Drop-in - Stone Church
Sat.	9:00 am	Street Hope Breakfast - Stone Church
	3:00 pm	Amazing Grace Church Mission - Stone Church

Our Envelope Offerings - November 26

	Regular	Missions
Budgeted	\$3,052.00	\$787.00
Actual	<u>3,151.00</u>	<u>988.00</u>
Shortfall/ Surplus	\$ 99.00	\$201.00
Christmas Baskets	\$ 505.00	

Stone Vision Statement

The heart of Christ in the heart of Saint John