

THE PRESENT VS. THE PROMISE

Jeremiah 33:14-16

“In Those Days...”

“A Righteous Branch...”

“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.” -Isaiah 11:1

Advent is an affirmation of human value: the Word became flesh. God came to us by becoming like us.

But Advent is also a critique of humanism: Christ came because we can't save ourselves.

Discussion Questions:

- Have you had times when you moved toward more of a deconstructionist perspective?
- Consider the difference between the present situation in Jeremiah and God's promises. What part of the contrast stands out most to you?
- What promise given by God feels the most fleeting in our present circumstances?



**Welcome
Guests
& Visitors**

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use our online Connection Card (newharvestch.org/connect) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.

ANGEL TREE

Thank you for your generous response. This evening we will be sharing Christmas gifts with many of the 94 children assigned to us. Please pray that they will sense the love of God and realize the true message of Christ.

A WALK THROUGH WHOVILLE

This Wednesday, December 16th from 4-6pm

Join us as we journey through Whoville with fun stops along the way! Space is limited so we can ensure social distancing. Sign-up for your slot today either in the lobby or by contacting Karen for the Sign-up Genius link.

CAROLING

There are half a dozen households of shut-ins that Ramona Gillett would like to bless on Saturday, December 19th, 1:30-4pm, by leading a traveling caravan style of carolers (mask, staying 6' apart, home to home). If you would like to participate text Ramona at 206.595.8684.

NEW HARVEST FOOD BANK

This Saturday, December 19, New Harvest hosts a Food Bank, 9am-11am, serving our neighbors who need assistance. Thanks to your generous donations & serving hearts, we are able to show Christ's love to our community in this way twice a month.

UGLY SWEATER SUNDAY

This is a Children's Ministry tradition but 'tis the season to join us and wear your ugly Christmas sweater to church on Sunday, December 20th.

CHRISTMAS EVE—5PM

You are invited to a family worship gathering of singing, a children's lesson, a message and the inspiration of lighting candles. You can attend in person or online at newharvestch.org/live.

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Our annual ministry to a special need is dedicated to the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund. This will support the ongoing efforts to bring relief to those who have suffered greatly because of the devastating fires. Give online by indicating that your gift goes to Advent Conspiracy or use a check and write Advent on the memo line.



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