



*Unto us a child is born
- the Son of God!!
O come - let us worship!!*

December 2009

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Advent calls us to prepare for the return of God's Son, who was born to us at Christmas. Once Advent arrives, we are often thrown into a panic realizing how much has been 'left undone'. The thing is, I don't think God meant the shopping and the wrapping when things 'left undone' came up. Our focus in Advent is our Christian Spiritual Life. What are we doing to deepen our relationship with Jesus, our Saviour? We're always 'doing' something, but is our frantic activity in any way connected to the true meaning of Christmas? I encourage you to sit down, take a deep breath and invite God's peace to descend upon you. It feels good. Then, in that wonderful peace, look at where God's glory is reflected in your life. Can others see that you know the Son of God, the Word made flesh? Have you put on the light of Christ in a way that drives away darkness in our world? We are God's people, who know God's commands. We know the gift of forgiveness in our lives and the joy of walking in faith. I pray that in this Season of Advent, we will once again make our paths straight, level the hills of discontent, fill in the valleys of disappointment, anger and greed, smooth off the rough patches of prejudice and come with forgiving hearts, ready to receive our Lord anew. Luke says, "all flesh shall see the salvation of God." We definitely want to be in that group. It's time to get to the 'things done' that ensure us a place with the righteous. See you at God's house soon!

With God's Blessing,

The Rev. Millie Hope

<i>Christmas Services</i>		
<i>Monday, Dec. 21st</i>	<i>Renewing Our Hope</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>
<i>Thursday, Dec. 24th</i>	<i>Family Eucharist & Pageant</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>
	<i>Festive Choral Eucharist</i>	<i>11:00 pm</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Christmas Eucharist</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>

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