

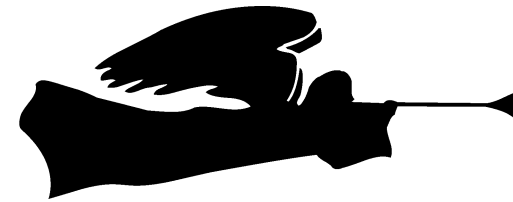
Date	Devotion	Scripture Reading
18	The Magnificat: Mary's Song	Luke 1:46-56
19	The birth of John	Luke 1:57-66
20	Zacharias Prophecy	Luke 1:67-79
21	Christ is born in Bethlehem	Luke 2:1-7
22	Angels appear to the shepherds	Luke 2:8-20
23	The wise men worship Christ	Matthew 2:1-12
24	Simeon blesses Christ	Luke 2:22-35
25	Immanuel: "God with us"	Matthew 1:23



Celebrate "Arrival" with us at Amethyst Journey on Sunday Nights starting on November 30th.

For more about Re-Traditioning Advent go to Pastor Eric's Blog subversivewreckoning.wordpress.com

'Arrival'



25 Day Advent Season Devotional Reading Guide

Ad.vent *n.* **1.** The four week period leading up to Christmas. **2.** In Christian theology, the 'arrival' or 'coming' of Jesus Christ to provide **salvation** by his **birth**, life, death, resurrection and ascension. **3.** The anticipation of a second advent when Christ will **return** to earth in bodily form to receive His people.

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What is Advent? Advent is season of the church year that commemorates Christ coming to earth as both God and human. The season recognizes the **prophetic** promises of the birth, the **humility** displayed by his birth, the heavenly **grandeur** of his nature and the future promise of second coming which we as Christians wait for. The Season of “coming” is celebrated by advent wreaths, candles and advent calendars. It is celebrated by congregations in worship services and by families in the home.

The Re-Tradition of Advent. This holy season has lost the proper **reverence** desired by many serious young people today. We wish to look back to traditions for the **inspiration** to creatively and reverently **worship** God. The primary reason we experiment with Advent is to step away from the **consumerism** of the Christmas season and to be **re-inspired** to the **holiness** of the season. The re-tradition we wish to set is freshness and freedom to reverently and rightly worship the Lord.

25 Scripture Readings. Use this list for your daily reading as we celebrate the season of ‘**Arrival**’ together. You may use it on your own or with your family. If you start the readings on the **1st of December** you will finish on Christmas Day.

Date	Devotion	Scripture Reading
1	God creates man as good	Genesis 1:26-31
2	Man sins against God	Genesis 3:1-13
3	Man is cursed	Genesis 3:14-24
4	All have sinned against God	Rom. 3:10-12, 20-24
5	Jesus is the Eternal Word	John 1:1-5
6	Death in Adam-Life in Christ	Romans 5:18-21
7	A Prophet promise to Israel	Deut. 18:15-19
8	Promise of a child	Isaiah 9:2-6
9	Promise of a ruler out of Bethlehem	Micah 5:2
10	Promise of a Judge from Jesse	Isaiah 11:1-5
11	The sign: Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:10-14
12	Prepare the way of the Lord	Mark 1:1-3
13	Genealogy: Promises fulfilled	Matthew 1:1-6
14	Birth of John announced	Luke 1:5-25
15	Birth of Christ announced to Mary	Luke 1:26-38
16	Birth of Christ announced to Joseph	Matthew 1:18-23
17	Elizabeth witnesses to Mary	Luke 1:39-45