

SUNDAY GATHERING // 12.4.22

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- New to Seaside? We would love the chance to connect with you! You can fill out a connect card at the connect corner or online @ seasidechurch.com/connectcard.
- Next Saturday is our monthly Men's Group down here in the garage from 8-10a. We would love to have you join us to open our Bibles and gather together!
- Our Christmas Eve Gatherings will be 4 & 5:30p, no SeasideKids, the 5:30p will be livestreamed. Bring Christmas cookies to share together after the gathering. Registration and details @ seasidechurch.com/christmaseve. On Christmas day we will have a simple gathering at 9a only, no SeasideKids, no livesream.
- Please consider giving to the Year-End Gift. This is an opportunity to give above and beyond for ministry opportunities that fall outside our normal monthly operating budget. The goal this year is \$22,000! You can give and see all the details @ seasidechurch.com/yearendgift.

COLLECT:

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

READINGS:

Isaiah 11:1-10

[1] There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,

and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

[2] And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

[3] And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

[4] but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

[5] Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

[6] The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,

and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;

and a little child shall lead them.

[7] The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

[8] The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,

and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

[9] They shall not hurt or destroy

in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

[10] In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

[ESV]

Psalm 72:1-19

Romans 15:1-13

[1] We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. [2] Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. [3] For Christ did not

please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." [4] For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. [5] May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, [6] that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. [7] Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

[8] For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, [9] and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."

[10] And again it is said,
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

[11] And again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

[12] And again Isaiah says,
"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

[13] May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. [ESV]

Matthew 3:1-12

[1] In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, [2] "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." [3] For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.'"

[4] Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. [5] Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, [6] and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

[7] But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? [8] Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. [9] And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. [10] Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

[11] "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. [12] His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." [ESV]

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR 12.11.22 THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT:

Isaiah 35:1-10 // Psalm 146 // James 5:7-20 // Matthew 11:2-19