



A Voice
in the Wilderness

December 31, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God who calls us, your servant John cries out in witness to Christ. May our lives also point to and proclaim the One who has delivered us and claimed us as his own. In the name of that same Jesus, Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. (John 1:23)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Who is this Messiah, this long-awaited whom John is proclaiming to anyone who will listen? Who is this one who baptizes, not with water but with the Holy Spirit? Who is it? (Hint: it's not John.)



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

There are so many competing voices in our world. In what ways do celebrities (entertainers, sports figures, politicians, etc.) compete to be heard? How does their contenting affect the rest of us? How do you know whose voice to listen to?

Wonder: What was it like to live as a prophet in Jesus' day? If you were a prophet today, what would you eat? What would you wear? How would you make your voice heard?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God be the loudest voice in your head. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Tune out the voices of the world this week. Limit your exposure to social media, TV, and the internet. Immerse yourself in positivity, and in God's word.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, John 1:19-34, A Voice in the Wilderness
Monday, Psalm 32:1-2, The Joy of Forgiveness
Tuesday, Psalm 32:3-4, The Joy of Forgiveness
Wednesday, Psalm 32:5, The Joy of Forgiveness
Thursday, Psalm 32:6-7, The Joy of Forgiveness
Friday, Psalm 32:8-9, The Joy of Forgiveness
Saturday, Psalm 32:10-11, The Joy of Forgiveness

Family Business

FAITH

Adult Ed– Faith, Sexism, and Justice

Join us after worship beginning January 7, as we have conversation about how sexism and justice are a part of our faith journey. We are all created in God's image, let's understand how that continues to emerge in our communities.

New Year's Eve Worship

Today is a service of Lessons and Carols. This is a time to tell the story of Christmas through scripture, story, and song.

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Community Meal and Fun: Game Night!

Join us Sunday, January 21 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm as we gather to share a time of food, fellowship and fun. Bring your favorite board game and food to share and we'll spend the evening eating and playing games. All are welcome to this event so bring a friend or neighbor!

Soul Sisters

After our Advent Luncheon a group of women decided to create new opportunities for ministry. If you would like to be a part of this planning please sign the **CS**. The group will find a time soon to meet.

IMPACT

Trinity Care Christmas Party

Thank you to everyone who gave gifts and participated in the Trinity Care Christmas party. Your blessings reached many people this year.

Feed My Starving Children Mega Pack

Join us we combine with other local churches to pack meals at Prince of Peace in Burnsville. Shifts will be Jan. 30 and Feb. 1 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Be on the lookout for volunteer and donation opportunities.

Second Saturdays

As we seek to improve and maintain the building God has given us we need your help. Join us on January 13 anytime between 8:30-11:00 as we spend time fixing, cleaning, and organizing.

Mitten Tree

We are collecting new mittens, gloves, and hats for St. Joseph's Children's home. Donate them by the tree in the narthex.

LOVE

Prayer Team We are looking for more people to be part of our prayer ministry. Contact Pastor Brent or sign the **CS**.

Gift Cards and Community Fund We are again asking for donations for gift cards and the community fund to help those that need financial assistance. Make your donation in the narthex today.

Giving Tree Take a look at the Giving Tree in the narthex for a list of needs at Family of Christ. The Giving Tree is a needs list that helps us serve one another better. Take a tag from the tree and make a donation.

YOUTH

Wednesday Night Youth 5th-12th

graders. We will be continuing our programming on January 10th. Join us for fun, fellowship, and growing your faith. Pizza at 6:00 and class at 6:30.

Sunday School Resumes January 8

Preschool-4th grade join us after worship for a time of learning and fun. All are welcome to be a part of this.

Sunday School Shepherds Needed

We are looking for adults to help with the kids during Sunday School in January. Contact Sherrv if you can help.