

Advent 2024 Reading Guide

This Advent season, we will be drawing on a resource by Will Willimon called *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*. In it, Willimon challenges readers to wrestle anew with scripture traditionally heard during the Advent season. He writes “You’ve got four weeks to adjust to the jolt of God taking time for us...So brace yourself. God is on the way.”

Advent is a time of recommitting ourselves to the God who is decisively committed to us in Jesus Christ – even if that commitment makes us squirm. The following Scripture readings are meant to help us prepare, grow, and even squirm before the God who is coming to us. Let us heed the call of John the Baptist, last of the prophets who cries out: “**Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.**”

Week 1: Meanwhile...

Monday	<i>Isaiah 64:1-9</i>
Tuesday	<i>Psalms 80</i>
Wednesday	<i>1 Corinthians 1:3-9</i>
Thursday	<i>Mark 13:1-23</i>
Friday	<i>Mark 13:24-37</i>

Week 2: Surprised

Monday	<i>Isaiah 40:1-11</i>
Tuesday	<i>Psalms 85</i>
Wednesday	<i>2 Peter 3:1-10</i>
Thursday	<i>2 Peter 3:11-18</i>
Friday	<i>Mark 1:1-8</i>

Week 3: Light

Monday	<i>Isaiah 64</i>
Tuesday	<i>Psalms 126</i>
Wednesday	<i>1 Thessalonians 5</i>
Thursday	<i>John 1:1-18</i>
Friday	<i>John 1:19-28</i>

Week 4: Rejoice

Monday	<i>2 Samuel 7</i>
Tuesday	<i>Psalms 89</i>
Wednesday	<i>Luke 1:46-55</i>
Thursday	<i>Romans 16:17-27</i>
Friday	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>