

November 29, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

*Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 * 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 * Mark 13:13-37*

“What I say to you I say to all: ‘Watch!’” – Mark 13:37

Whenever something exciting is coming in our lives, we wait for it with great anticipation. If it is a birthday or a holiday, there is a lot to do to prepare for it. We put all our energy into the preparations without hesitation because we know how much fun it will be when the day comes. Today’s scripture reminds us to prepare ourselves with this same excitement and anticipation for Christ’s coming. Since it is the season of Advent, we are preparing to celebrate Christ’s birth. But we are also called to be prepared every day of our lives. Jesus wants us to be ready to meet him any day, anytime, anywhere.

Dear Lord, show me how I can best prepare my heart and mind to meet you whenever you come.

An Advent wreath helps us count the four weeks of preparation for Christ’s birth. Does your family have an Advent wreath or another Advent tradition that helps you count the days until Christmas?

