



1Thessalonians 5:13-15

Rise and Shine

13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

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From the Pastor's Office

The Season of Advent is Now

You may be thinking, "Doesn't Advent start

on the Sunday closest to November 30th?"

According to one definition and the traditional church calendar, you would be right. But Advent has another meaning: *the coming of a notable person*. There is no one more notable than Jesus, and we are waiting for His return.

The first Sunday in Advent is the first Sunday of the church year. As we near the end of the church year, the Biblical texts read in church will focus on the end of the age—meaning the end of this life as we know it.

This can seem scary to some, especially for those who are familiar with the *Left Behind* book series or with those interpretations of eschatology (the study of last things). It's difficult for us in the West, especially in America, where we have enjoyed freedom of religion and speech for so long—although this is changing in Europe and seems to be heading in the same direction in America.

In other parts of the world, Christians are more familiar with persecution and spiritual darkness. They have an easier time understanding that we are already living in the last times, as Jesus spoke of when He was here and as the apostles exhort all of their readers to understand. Here, we've become inoculated to spiritual darkness because our lives have been so easy.

When reading through the book of Revelation and other prophetic books in the Bible, it is important to remember how Jesus fulfills those prophecies. Most of them have already been fulfilled in Christ—by His virgin birth, death on the cross, and resurrection.

Many are in process—they are already happening now and have been for over 2,000 years, during the age we are in now, the Church Age. There are some that are yet to come. Sometimes, it can be difficult to distinguish between those that are in process and those that are yet to come. Let's not get caught up on this, instead our focus should always be on the same subject that it was for the prophets who wrote the material. The main subject, of course, is Jesus Christ, our Lord.

He is the author and finisher of our faith. He is the one who upholds us in our faith. He comforts us by sending the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us. The Holy Spirit Himself is a down payment and proof that we will soon rise again from the dead, just as He did. He will return to earth from heaven in glory and usher us into that resurrection. We will regain (or continue to have) our earthly bodies, but they will be made new as mortality puts on immortality. We will have everlasting life, free from the corruption of sin. Our experience will be like nothing before—different from Adam and Eve in the garden, and vastly different from what we experience now. That is exciting to think about, is it not?

We can make the best of the time we have left because the time is short. We can serve our neighbors and preach the gospel because they need Jesus. We can live as though it's Advent all year long!

At the end of the book of Revelation, John writes about Jesus' testimony regarding His return and says,

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen."

—Revelation 22:20-21

God's Peace,
Pr. Ryan Kandoll

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November at PLC

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Sundays:

- 3** **All Saints Sunday**
3, 17 **9:15am** Sunday School for Everyone
10:30am Worship service with Communion
11:30am Coffee Fellowship
- 17** Shoebox Sunday
10, 24 **9:15am** Sunday School for Everyone
10:30am Worship service
11:30am Coffee Fellowship
- 10** **11:30am** **Special Congregational Meeting**
12:30pm Thrivent Financial Stewardship presentation

Tuesdays:

- 12** **6:00pm** Mission Committee meeting
6:30pm Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesdays:

- 6** **9:00am** Men's Breakfast @ Perkins HWY 55 & 494
9:30am Ladies Bible Study @ the church
6:00pm Evening Bible Study @ the Church
- 13, 20, 27** **9:30am** Men's & Ladies Bible Study @ the Church
6:00pm Evening Bible Study @ the Church

Thursdays:

- 28** **Thanksgiving Day**

Saturdays:

- 9** **9:00am** Work Day

Celebrate Our Congregation

November Birthdays:

Lois	Hendrickson	11/6
Teo	Ellis	11/8
Virginia	Kandoll	11/13
Charlotte	O'Neill	11/15
John	Pelto	11/17
Bill	Rokala	11/18
Earl	Christopherson	11/19
Stewart	Lee	11/21
Larry	Wahala	11/25
Steve	Dahlmeier	11/27
Susan	Baker	11/27
Alisha	Ellis	11/30

November Anniversaries:

Steve & Marilyn	11/4
Kevin & Stacey	11/14

Save The Date

**National Collection Week is
November 18-25**

**Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Sunday
November 17th**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's time to start preparing to fill Shoe Boxes for the

Operation Christmas Child collection in early November. There will be free boxes in the church narthex available for you again this year.



Thank You Pastor Ryan & Carmen

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10

Special Congregational Meeting being held on Sunday, November 10th following the service.

A Special Meeting to discuss the City of Plymouth road construction project.
Please attend this meeting.

We will have **Thrivent financial stewardship presentation** for all ages on **Sunday, November 10th @ 12:30pm**

There will be pizza for those attending the Thrivent presentation. A Sign-up sheet is on the narthex desk for those planning to attend.



The Greatest Journey Making Disciples

The Greatest Journey, the discipleship program for Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift recipients, teaches boys and girls about following Jesus Christ and telling others about Him.

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SCRIPTURE
LESSONS

in each student workbook:
6 on coming to know Christ;
3 on growing in faith;
3 on sharing with others.

40 MILLION+

boys and girls enrolled since 2009.

1.9 MILLION+

volunteer teachers trained from
local churches worldwide.

20 MILLION+

children reported decisions for Christ since 2009.

**"Go therefore and make
disciples of all the nations."**

—Matthew 28:19



**"I started to pray and I asked
God to help me follow in His
footsteps. I love sharing the Bible.
I tell my friends to seek God."**

—Ivanna, 12, decided to
follow Christ

HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX GIFT

FUN, FULL & PERSONALIZED!

Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with the Good News of Jesus Christ as expressions of God's immense love for a child. So, be sure to make them ...

FUN: Include a quality "wow" item (and other new toys) to delight the child. **FULL:** Add school supplies and personal care items to fill empty spaces. **PERSONALIZED:** Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer. Prayerfully packed shoebox gifts lead to evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches around the world.

A donation of \$10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing, shipping, and evangelism training and materials. Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your gift.

Find packing tips
and ways to give:



"Shoebox gifts are
like snowflakes—
no two are alike!"

—Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse

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