



PASTOR KATHY'S WEEKLY DEVOTION

Devotion for Nov. 29-Dec. 5: Read Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

The word for the first week of Advent is “wait” – not an easy word for a society geared to instant satisfaction.

But as we watch our children and grandchildren anxiously awaiting Santa’s arrival, it is a reminder to us of how we are to wait.

First, our waiting time is filled with activity. Instead of sitting back and waiting, most children suddenly start becoming very good as they are more aware of Santa (or his elves) keeping an eye on their activities. As we wait for the coming of Christ, so too we should be evaluating our lives and tweaking or downright changing what we do that would be more in line with God’s will for our lives.

Second, our children are filled with joy. Remember when we used to have joy during the holidays? Evaluate what is blocking that feeling for you, whether it be the sense of pressure to buy presents, see family or attend a multitude of events between now and Dec. 25. And then downscale – in every area. We have the right to say “no” to whatever is going to hinder our joy. (Next week, I’ll talk more about joy!)

And finally, our children can wait because they know in the end, their patience will be rewarded. As we wait for God to answer our prayers – whether for this holy season or for personal needs – we can be assured God will answer our needs because God loves us. And when God does, we won’t even remember the waiting.

God bless you,
Pastor Kathy