

Laurel Street Mennonite Church

Advent Week 2: Prepare the way of the Lord December 4, 2022

Worship Leader & Facilitator: Pastors Ron & Judy Zook
Music Leader: Michael Gingrich

Gathering

Welcome, Announcements & Celebrations
Call to Worship and Advent Wreath
Singing: Here I am to Worship (VT 227)
He Came Down that We May Have Love (VT 239)
Offerings and My Coins Count
A Shepherd Remembers- Tim Lynch

Encounter

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-12
Children's Church dismissal (ages 4-7)
Led by Brother Frank
Discussions at tables

Questions:

Are John's clothing and diet important? Do you think we can we learn something from this?
If you had to explain repentance to someone who had no exposure to Christianity, what would you say? Is repentance only for individuals? Or is it for the church, as well? If repentance is also for the church, what does that mean/look like?
Is repentance still relevant to us today? How about to you?
We read later in the Bible that the Pharisees and Sadducees showed outward signs of spirituality but did not have transformed lives. What are ways in more recent years in which Christians have relied on outward expressions of spirituality like the Pharisees and Sadducees?
What do you need to clean or discard as you prepare for this different kind of king?

Share

Singing: Holy Spirit, Come with Power (VT 57)
Prayers of the people
Benediction