



SAINT JAMES A.M.E. CHURCH

One Church, Two Locations

Newark Campus:

588 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. • Newark, NJ 07102

South Orange Campus:

SOPAC • One SOPAC Way • South Orange, NJ 07079

www.experiencesaintjames.com • Phone: 973 622-1344 • Fax: 973 622-6912

Rev. Ronald L. Slaughter, Senior Pastor

Advent 2017 Suggested Devotional Guide

First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017

Old Testament: Psalm 80:1-7

New Testament: I Corinthians 1:3-9

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2017

Old Testament: Isaiah 40: 1-11

New Testament: Mark 1: 1-8

Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2017

Old Testament: Psalm 126

New Testament: John 1: 6-8

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2017

Old Testament: II Samuel 7: 1-11

New Testament: Luke 1:26-38

The word "advent," from the Latin *adventus* (Greek *parousia*), means "coming" or "arrival," and the season includes the four Sundays prior to Christmas. The Advent Season is focused on the birth and coming of Jesus as Messiah (Christ or King) and preparation for His promised return. Worship, devotion/scripture readings, and prayers not only prepare us spiritually for Christmas (His first coming), but also for His eventual second coming. This is why the scripture readings during Advent include both Old Testament passages related to the expected Messiah, and New Testament passages concerning Jesus' return.