

2 General Overviews

Faithful and wise servant vs. the wicked servant.

Parable of the 10 Virgins

(wise ones brought extra oil/foolish ones did not)

2 More Specific Overviews

(Parable of the Talents)

5 talents, 3 talents, 1 talent

First 2 servants invested and provided a return.

The final one buried his talent.

Speaks directly to material stewardship.

Speaks indirectly stewardship of our gifts and talents.

(Parable of the Sheep and the Goats)

(vs. 32) All the nations will be gathered before him....

Matthew 25:35-36 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. (vs. 40) Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

FINAL THOUGHTS Romans 13:8-14 p. 1,765

"An Invitation to Live as Light"

A Life Rule: A life rule is a short, memorable guideline that helps you decide how to act in everyday situations. It summarizes practical wisdom or values in a way that's easy to remember and broadly applicable.

Carpenter – *"Measure twice, cut once."*

Teacher – *"Never underestimate the quiet kid."*

Nurse – *"Kindness is sometimes the strongest medicine."*

Farmer – *"Plant in hope; harvest in humility."*

Architect – *"Light changes everything—use it well."*

Christian – *"Love does no harm to its neighbor*."*

*Neighbor as defined by Jesus Christ.

In Word – Good Samaritan, Enemies

In Action - Sinners, Tax Collectors, Outcasts, Foreigners

Sermon Notes 11-30-2025

FIRST THOUGHTS Isaiah 2:1-5 p. 1,062

"An Invitation to the Nations to Walk in The Light of the Lord"

Advent is a season of lights.

An invitation to think about Jesus who is:

John 1:4-5 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Luke 2:32 (Simeon's Prayer) a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

Matthew 4:16 the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. (Quoting Isaiah 9:2)

Isaiah has a lot to say about light/darkness and the one to come.

Darkness represents: Ignorance of God, Injustice, & Judgment
Darkness, for Isaiah, is not simply bad circumstances; it is life cut off from God's presence, guidance, and justice.

Light Represents: God's presence and salvation, Revelation and truth, Justice and righteousness, Joy and restoration:

Light represents: Who God is, and what happens when God acts to restore, forgive, lead, and renew.

For all the nations (Isaiah 2:1-5) Nation/Nations/Many Peoples
Invited to *"Walk in the light of the Lord."* (vs. 5)

Verses that relate most directly are Isaiah 58:3-11

FURTHER THOUGHTS Matthew 24:36-44 p. 1,539

"An Invitation to Be Ready"

Are you ready for Christmas?

Jesus invites his disciple to be ready for his return.

(vs. 44) So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

But what does it look like to be ready?

*Prayerfully, openly engage in relationships
through Christ's love."*

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Advent reading materials are on the hallway table.
Poinsettia Order forms are also on the table. Thanks.
Deadline is **December 10th**.

December 2nd at 6:30pm CLC meeting.
December 3rd at 6:30pm Ladies Bible study
December 4th at 8am Men's Breakfast – Meet at the church
and we will carpool from there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 30 11:15 a.m., Decorating of the church for
Advent and Christmas.... TODAY...please stay!

The **Christmas Joy Offering** provides funds to support
current and retired church workers and Presbyterian-related
schools and colleges. It supports the Assistance Program of
the Board of Pensions for those in need and provides
leadership development and education at schools and
colleges that serve communities of color. You will have the
opportunity to contribute on **December 7, 14 and 21**.
Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Activities

December 6th at 6:30 Advent Fellowship night. Truck
Stop Cookie Packing and snacks & singing Carols.

Mitten tree: We need hats, mittens, gloves & scarves for
all ages. Deadline is **December 7th**.

December 14th after church Fellowship.

December 21st at 2:00pm Christmas Caroling. Meet at
Church where we will carpool.

December 24th 7pm Christmas Eve worship.