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Dear Friends in Christ,

It is the time of the year when we seek out light, for during the wintertime, we experience the days of least daylight. It is the time we seek out the light of the prophets for as one Christian teacher said, “Prophets illuminate the darkness.” Advent is a time of prophets, a time when we read from the writings of Isaiah, when we learn of John the Baptist.

It is a time for candles- the candles of the Advent Wreath, the candles of the table-centerpieces, the candles in our church. The light of the Advent candles heralds the birth of Christ, who is the light of the world.

As Christmas nears, we see more and more lights. There are colored lights, flashing lights, twinkling lights, LED lights, traveling lights; there are decorative lights in Christmas trees, on houses, in yards; there are light displays in stores and shopping malls and office buildings.

In the predawn darkness of Advent, we look to all these sources of light. They serve to remind us that we, too, are called to be prophets—prophets proclaiming God’s reign, prophets announcing Christ’s Second Coming. As Christ is the Light of the World, so are we. For as Christ’s followers, we are to bring his love to all humanity; we are to reflect the light of Christ; we, too, are to be the light of the world. This Christmas, let your light shine for all to see.

This year we are sending out the traditional Blue Book of daily Advent meditations to help you on your journey to Christmas. Also, if you can, I ask if you can give a special monetary gift to the parish for Christmas. It would be greatly appreciated. Please review the Advent / Christmas schedule on the back of the letter.

*On behalf of the whole staff, I wish you a  
Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Sincerely yours in Christ