

Brothers and Sisters

As we step into this Advent season, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey our church family has been walking together. Over the past weeks, our sermon series has invited us to consider *how we respond as the fragrance of Christ*: how our lives, our words, and our actions carry the scent of His presence into the world. I pray that it has been a rich and challenging season, and that it sets us up beautifully for the weeks ahead.

Ofcourse, the season of Advent invites us to wait with expectancy, doesn't it? To watch with hope, and to welcome Christ not only into our celebrations, but into the very center of our lives. As Christmas approaches, we remember that the One who came in humility continues to bear fruit in us today. The fruitfulness of Christ is not merely something we admire; it is something He grows within us as we abide in Him. This Advent and Christmas, I hope we would become more aware of the ways Christ is shaping us, maturing us, and making us a people who reflect His love in every season.

I am also delighted to share that we have begun a Prayer Ministry Team, a deeply committed group who long to support our church in prayer. This is a ministry we hope will grow and grow in the coming months, becoming a core part of the spiritual life of our congregation. Please pray for those who have already stepped forward, and for those whom God may be calling to join them.

Finally, I want to ask something of you as you keep Advent. In your prayers through this season, and carrying on into Christmas, please pray for the person God has chosen to be our Children and Youth Ministry Lead. We trust that God is preparing the right individual even now, someone who will help our children and young people flourish and come to know Christ more deeply. As a congregation, let us surround this search in faithful and expectant prayer.

May this Advent be a season of holy anticipation, and may the fragrance and fruitfulness of Christ be evident among us as we look forward to celebrating His birth.

With love and Blessing,

George

*Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world, shine upon us in this Advent season. Prepare our hearts for Your coming, fill our church with Your peace, and guide us in all that lies ahead. Bless our ministries, our families, and our young people, and lead us toward the person You have called to serve among us. Make us fruitful in every good work, that Your love may be known in this place. **Amen.***

Bible Readings for December

Week 1 – The Season of Seeking

Psalm 25:4–5

“Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long”

Reflect: How has the Lord been sharing his plans with you, for your life, and for our church?

Week 2 – The Season of Trusting

Colossians 1:9-10

“We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will...”

Reflect: God has already dropped into the heart of our future youth worker a desire to come to Fetteresso, pray that we can seek his will.

Week 3 – The Season of Listening

1 Samuel 3:8-10

“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

Reflect: Are you listening for God's voice today?

Week 4 – The Season of God's gifts.

Romans 12:4-8

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us”

Reflect: How can you prepare your heart to receive the gifts God is giving?

