

Advent Christmas Greetings 2016

Advent/ Christmas Season is here, seemingly before you know it... Coming upon our busy lives with something even more busy... Proclaiming once again this sweet season of preparation for Christmas time.

Advent can be defined as the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event. And one could argue, "Isn't Christmas all of those? *A Saviour, a manger, a birth.*"

Advent's also defined as the first season of the Christian church year— I love that. The story of our faith began long before, but that silent and holy night when our Saviour was born on earth as a baby is the night when the story becomes tangible, and real, and human. The church year starts here, with a brand new beginning, a new life of our God in the flesh as an infant.

December will hardly have begun and the hurried hustle of the holiday season will take over our Advent/Christmas souls. Traffic around the malls and stores will be less than pleasurable.

So now is the time, more than ever, when our souls will need advent. We need to slow down, we need to prepare our hearts, we need to wait in anticipation of a notable person, thing, and event. We need this. And once Christmas comes and goes once again, the spirit of the Christ Child will remain long after the wrapping, and presents and tree are put away.

I invite you to come into this beautiful season once again. Come to worship at church. Welcome the newborn King. Savour every moment of it, so the impact of a well found season will carry you into another blessed year.

O Come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

May Peace and Joy be yours at this Blessed Time of year,



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The Life and Work of the Churches

Sundays at 9:15 & 11:00am Worship Services at Trinity Hastings and Roseneath

Sunday December 18 Sacrament of Holy Communion at both churches

Saturday December 24 Christmas Eve Family Worship Services

Hastings 5:30 pm Roseneath 7:00 pm (No Christmas Day service)

Sunday January 1, 2017 9:15 & 11:00am Worship at Hastings and Roseneath