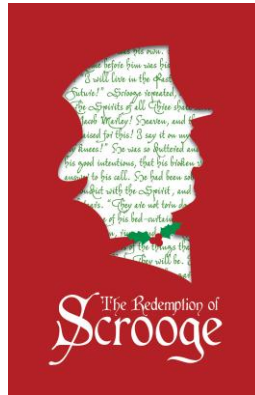


A Study Guide for December 3rd



Please read Isaiah 9:6-7 & Luke 1:46-47, 52-55 to prepare for Sunday morning worship.

Sermon Focus: "Bah Humbug! Making Change"

Reflection Questions:

- The Prophet Isaiah declares the coming of a new world order, one where peace, justice, and righteous new will be the new authority. Are there ways that these words speak the transformative power of God into your life?
- The Gospel of Luke brings to us the Magnificat, the song of Mary, that again proclaims this new world order. Do you have a favorite Christmas song that reminds you of God's hope for the world?

Connection for Today:

The cultural context for this beloved Christmas story was set in England in the 1800's. This was a time in which there was a great divide between the rich and the poor. This reality led Dickens to shine the light upon the choices we make to participate in such a system and the possibility of transformation. Scrooge was so caught up in the cultural system at work that his driving force in life was to get more money. This life led him into greed, loneliness, bitterness, and resentment. May we look at places that need some light in our own lives this Advent Season.