

December 3, 2017

## Mission Moment

This first Sunday in December, we begin celebrating the season of Advent, which continues until Christmas Eve. In the church, Advent is the mark of the New Year. This new church year begins as we are wrapping up the past calendar year and reflecting upon the goals, resolutions, failures and successes of the year, as the church begins waiting for the coming of Christ to Earth.

During Advent, we remember the humble beginnings of Jesus as a baby born among animals, laid in a manger and welcomed by shepherds. We wait for this humble king in the midst of a Christmas season filled with excess shopping and holiday parties.

During Advent, we remember the promise of Jesus coming again, this time entering this world in glory and with majesty. In Advent, we wait for the Savior King to set the captive free and bring justice and peace. The coming Savior is the hope of making all things right.

During Advent, we remember that Jesus is waiting for us. He is waiting for us to follow him, making room for him to come into our hearts and lives each day.