



2024 Advent CALENDAR



This Advent season, join UMHEF as we highlight a passage from a daily reading of the Revised Common Lectionary* (Year C). Reconnect with the joy and miracle of Jesus' birth.

- 1** Read Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made.
- 2** Read 2 Peter 3: 1-18

The Lord is not slow about his promise ... but is patient with you.
- 3** Read Psalm 90: 1-12

Before the mountains were brought forth ... from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
- 4** Read Psalm 90: 13-17

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.
- 5** Read Luke 1: 68-71

Blessed be the Lord God ... He has raised up a mighty savior for us.
- 6** Read Luke 1: 72-73

He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant.
- 7** Read Luke 1: 76-79

The dawn will break upon us ... to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- 8** Read Malachi 3: 5-12

Return to me, and I will return to you.
- 9** Read Isaiah 40: 1-11

The grass withers; the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
- 10** Read 2 Peter 1: 2-15

His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness.
- 11** Read Psalm 126

The Lord has done great things for us.
- 12** Read Isaiah 12: 2-4

God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid.
- 13** Read Isaiah 12: 5-6

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
- 14** Read Luke 1: 57-66

What then will this child become?
- 15** Read Luke 3: 7-18

One who is more powerful than I is coming.
- 16** Read Isaiah 11: 1-4

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding.
- 17** Read Isaiah 11: 5-6

A little child shall lead them.
- 18** Read Isaiah 11: 7-9

The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
- 19** Read Jeremiah 31: 31-34

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 20** Read Isaiah 42: 10-18

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth!
- 21** Read Luke 13: 31-35

How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.
- 22** Read Micah 5: 2-5

He shall be the one of peace.
- 23** Read Colossians 1: 15-20

He is the image of the invisible God.
- 24** Read Isaiah 9: 2-7

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!
- 25** Christ is born!
Read Luke 2

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

*All featured scripture are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible. Visit <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu> for more information about the Revised Common Lectionary.





Featured Scholar

Seyi Dada

Junior at Philander Smith University



Seyi is a 2024-2025 UMHEF scholar who was awarded the Lemuel C. Summers Scholarship. She is a biology major in her Junior year at Philander Smith University in Little Rock, Arkansas. Seyi loves health and science. As part of the Pre-Med Society and Chemistry Club, she helps fund creative ways to make chemistry fun and interesting to other students. She hopes to one day be a Health Science Researcher.

"I believe making academic subjects feel exciting and understandable creates a long-term impact on career paths and choices," Seyi said. **"This scholarship will allow me to continue my education at Philander Smith University. Thank you so much."**



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