

## SERMON NOTES

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C \* December 1, 2024

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Jeremiah 33:14-16 \* Psalm 25 \* 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 \*  
Luke 21:25-36

**Jesus is coming soon. Look Busy!**

Jeremiah and Jesus are pretty clear ...

That sounds GREAT!... IF ...

Jesus is coming soon. Look busy!

But better than merely LOOKING busy; let's choose to BE busy...

The Good News is:

THANK you for not just LOOKING busy this past year...

If you loved God this past year...

THANK YOU!

If you loved your neighbors...

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If you loved one another...

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### Next Week's Lessons

Malachi 3:1-4 \* Canticle 16, BCP 92 \* Philippians 1:3-11 \* Luke 3:1-6

## Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, small group, or a friend

1. When you think of Jesus “coming again in glory to judge the living and the dead,” what emotions does that prompt? (Fear? Concern? Anxiety? Excitement? Anticipation? Other?) And why?
2. What's something you've done recently to love God?
3. What's something you've done recently to love a neighbor as yourself?
4. What's something you've done recently to love a fellow Christian believer?
5. PRAY:
  - ✦ Thanking God for at least one good thing that's happened to you in this past week.
  - ✦ For opportunities to love God, your neighbors, and your fellow Christian believers.
  - ✦ For any needs in your group.

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