

# Sunday Seminar

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## November 19

### Seasonal Paraments: Art Illuminating Faith

Led by Jeanette Olsen

Season to season, the pulpit and lectern are dressed with beautiful examples of needle craft that lift up themes of faith. Known as antependia (Latin for “hangs before”) these hangings are coded to each season. Investigate these incredible works, learn their meaning, and meet some of the Third Church members who brought them into being.

## November 26

### The Lord’s Prayer

Led by Ernest Krug, Parish Associate

On this Sunday after Thanksgiving, Growing in the Word and Sunday Seminar will combine for a deep look at The Lord’s Prayer as found in Matthew’s gospel. Consider the impact of this brief prayer that we pray each week as part of Sunday worship.

## December 3

### Spirituality of a Generation

Led by **Nadia Mullen**, Protestant Chaplain and Interfaith Program Specialist at Nazareth College

Nazareth College supports the faith development of its students at its Center for Spirituality. This multi-faith environment helps students undertake the journey of self-discovery using a variety of spiritual practices. Nadia has come to appreciate that our lives are increasingly lived in an interfaith environment. Come here what she and her students have to say about spirituality and being a young adult in our modern times.

## December 11

### Art of the Nativity

Led by **Jim Moore**, Third Church Member

Jim Moore will present an illustrated lecture about works of artists who have portrayed the story of the Nativity from the Renaissance through to the present time. The gathered will explore masterworks from artists such as Michelangelo, DaVinci, ElGreco, and Matise (among others), with consideration for how they illustrate passages from the Gospels of Luke and Matthew.

## December 18

### The Messiah: A New Look at a Seasonal Favorite

Explore the Music of Handel’s Messiah in preparation for the Chancel Choir’s presentation of the work as special music during the 10:45am worship service.

Sunday Seminar will not meet on December 24 and 31, but will resume on January 7.

# Growing in the Word

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*Exploring Matthew's Gospel: This fall our small group Bible study will continue with an exploration of Matthew's gospel.*

## **November 10**

Jesus' Death and Resurrection  
Matthew 27:27–28:20  
led by: **Dianna Daunton**

## **November 26**

The Lord's Prayer  
Matthew 6:5-14  
led by: **Ernest Krug**  
This will be a joint session with Sunday Seminar and will take place in Johnston Hall.

*Exploring the Bible one book at a time: Advent begins a new liturgical year. Join us as we explore the Gospel of Mark, from which many of this year's scripture readings are drawn.*

## **December 3**

Introduction to Mark's Gospel  
led by: **Martha Langford**

## **December 17**

The Mystery Discriminates  
Mark 3:13-35  
led by: **Paul Gongloff**

## **December 10**

The Mystery Appears  
Mark 1:1-15  
led by: **David Evans**

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# Thursday Voices

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*In November, as part of the Year of Stewardship, we will explore the gift of gratitude.*

## **November 16**

*Gratitude and Grace*  
written by Ginny Gilder  
led by: **Lynette Sparks**

## **November 30**

*In the Holiday Spirit: Giving, Gratitude, and Grace*

written by Deepak Chopra

led by: **Ernest Krug**

*In Advent, we will explore the gift of the incarnation.*

## **December 7**

*Advent Credo*

written by Allan Boesak

and *Into The Darkest Hour*

written by Madeleine L'Engle

led by: **Martha Langford**

## **December 14**

*Waiting for God*

written by Henri Nouwen

led by: **Lynette Sparks**

## **December 21**

*The Coming of Jesus in Our Midst*

written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

led by: **John Wilkinson**

Thursday Voices will not meet on December 28, but will resume on January 4.