

“The Grinch, John B and Advent” Sunday, November 28, 2021

Matthew 3:1-11 (NRSV)

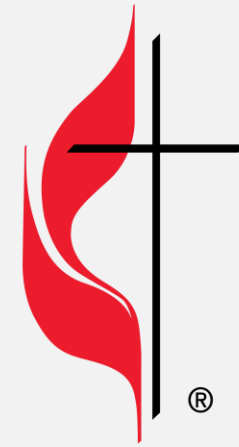
¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,
 “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.’”
⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.



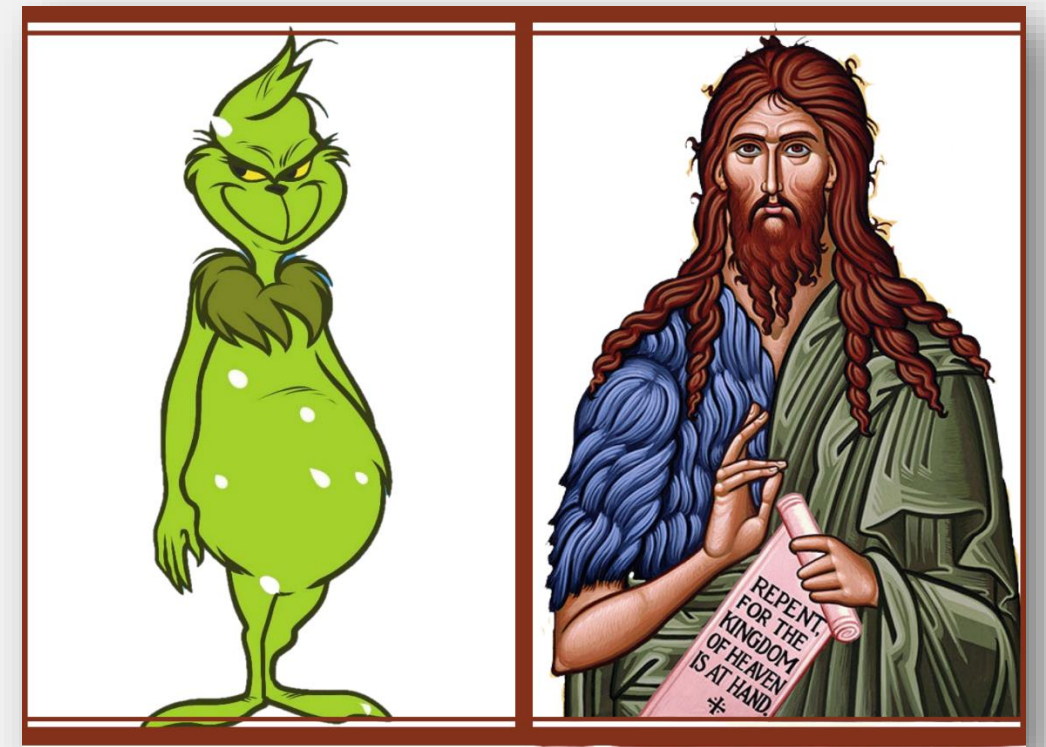
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“The Grinch, John B and Advent” (Part I)

First Sunday of Advent – Order of Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I invite you to join me in a responsive liturgy... The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Light the lamps, prepare the room, God is coming to us!

People: Make our hearts and spirits ready to receive God's most gracious gift, God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Push the darkness away. The light is truly coming!

People: May God's light shine on us, in us and through us that God's glory may be seen. AMEN.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hail to the Lord's Anointed #203

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

PASTORAL GREETING

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERING

OFFERTORY Nancy Beard/Ellen Stanton
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Order of Worship - Continued

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bill Morgan

"The Grinch, John B and Advent"
(Part I)

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #196

SENDING FORTH

WESLEY RESPONSE

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

BLESSING RESPONSE

Go Forth for God

*Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
Be of good courage,
Armed with heavenly grace,
In God's good Spirit daily to increase,
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.*

POSTLUDE

Asbury will participate with several other churches in the South Central District in a special called Charge Conference on **December 6, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom.**

For more information, visit asburyonline.org/charge-conference.

LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Bill Morgan, Associate Pastor
Rev. Maggie Dunaway, Pastor of
Congregational Care
Susanne Warren, Director of Children's
Ministry

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Nancy Beard, Director of Music
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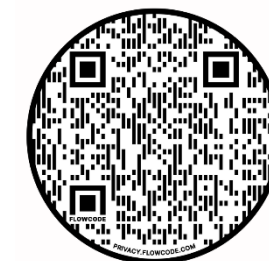
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Giving

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