

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Luke, our Gospel writer, is providing for us a general overview of the political context that became the original scene for the birth of Christ. The people of Judea were surrounded with government leadership that funneled power and economic support away from each village; and financed the wealth of Herod and his family.

Our next scene is John the Baptist announcing something new: By proclaiming a Baptism of repentance and forgiveness John is announcing release from this capture, a metanoia. God will make straight paths. God will stabilize the hills and valleys, and provide straight paths, not crooked roads.

And now this announcement is for us:

We too must straighten our crooked paths

We must smooth our confused and winding roads

We ask forgiveness for our rough words and behaviors.

Forgiveness, its all about forgiveness.

Happy Advent