## *"THE BLUE SHEET"* <u>Journey in the Word 2024-2025</u> 68<sup>th</sup> Edition: Dec 2 – March 9 Advent (Year C) – First Sunday Lent

Welcome to the 68th edition of "The Blue Sheet Readings!" Apologies for the late send! This edition will take us through the season of Advent and to the First Sunday in Lent. (Year C). This edition follows the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) **Year C** for Sunday readings. There are also some additional readings from the RCL beyond the Sunday readings. You will be joining with many believers around the world who will be reading them as well.

You will find that in this edition, is sort of a mishmash of passages. The reason behind this (short answer) is "I don't know." The long answer to this is "I still don't know," other than the promptings of the Holy Spirit. In each Blue Sheet edition, I do my best to discern the mind of the Lord when including readings beyond the lectionary readings of each Sunday. For this edition, I felt strongly prompted to include the various passages that you will encounter along the journey. My guess is that as we journey through, I'm sure the Spirit will speak to us. Part of my prompting, I sense, is to encourage us. But as far as that, you'll discover as you journey together within community.

We will also journey through the Book of Hebrews during our time together. This is a powerful section of Scripture with very deep theological discoveries. A great resource to consider is the **New Beacon Bible Commentary on Hebrews** by Kevin Anderson, published by *The Foundry Publishing Co (Beacon Hill Press)* Again as far as understanding of following the lectionary, a good resource still is **Living the Christian Year: Time to Inhabit the Story of God** by Bobby Gross.

As always, please share your discoveries with others, for as you know, the Scriptures are written to be read and lived within community. Enjoy spending time in the Word this season and we pray that the Word will spend time in you! Maybe you would take this season to begin journaling – in your own style...a good spiritual discipline to follow as well.

Thanks for being a part of this journey – pk! **DECEMBER** Dec 2 – Jude 17-23 Dec 3 – Jude 24-25 Dec 4 – Rev. 1:1-8 Dec 5 – Rev 1:9-18 Dec 6 – Rev 4:1-11 Dec 7 – Rev 5:1-14 Dec 8 – Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6 Dec 9 – Matt. 1:1-11 Dec 10 - Matt 1:12-17 Dec 11 – Matt 1:18-25 Dec 12 – John 1:1-5 Dec 13 – John 1:6-14 Dec 14 – John 1:15-18 Dec 15 – Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18 Dec 16 – Luke 1:1-4 Dec 17 – Luke 1:5-25 Dec 18 – Luke 1:26-38 Dec 19 – Luke 1:39-56 Dec 20 – Matt 2:1-12 Dec 21 – Matt 2:13-23 Dec 22 – Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55 Dec 23 - Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Matt 1:18-25 Dec 24 – Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20 Dec 25 - Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Heb 1:1-12; John 1:1-14 Dec 26 - Luke 1:57-80 Dec 27 – Mark 1:1-3 Dec 28 – Mark 1:4-13 Dec 29 – 1 Samuel 2:18-26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52 Dec 30 – Isaiah 55:1-13 Dec 31 – Ezekiel 37:1-14 JANUARY Jan 1 – Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Rev 21:1-6a; Matt 25:31-46 Jan 2 – Isaiah 56:1-8 Jan 3 – Isaiah 58:1-14 Jan 4 – Isaiah 61:1-11 Jan 5 – Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 3:1-14; John 1:10-18 Jan 6 (Epiphany) Isaian 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12 Jan 7 – Isaiah 62:1-12 Jan 8 – Isaiah 40:1-12

Jan 9 – Isaiah 40:13-31 Jan 10 – Hebrews 1:1-4 Jan 11 – Hebrews 1:5-14 Jan 12 - (Baptism of the Lord) Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Jan 13 – Hebrews 2:1-18 Jan 14 – Hebrews 3:1-6 Jan 15 – Hebrews 3:7-13 Jan 16 - Hebrews 3:14-19 Jan 17 – Hebrews 4:1-13 Jan 18 – Hebrews 4:14-16 Jan 19 – Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11 Jan 20 – Hebrews 5:1-10 Jan 21 – Hebrews 5:11-6:12 Jan 22 – Hebrews 6:13-7:10 Jan 23 – Hebrews 7:11-28 Jan 24 – Hebrews 8:1-2 Jan 25 – Hebrews 8:3-13 Jan 26 – Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a: Luke 4:14-21 Jan 27 – Hebrews 9:1-10 Jan 28 – Hebrews 9:11-14 Jan 29 – Hebrews 9:15-28 Jan 30 – Hebrews 10:1-18 Jan 31 – Hebrews 10:19-25 **FEBRUARY** Feb 1 (Presentation of the Lord) Malachi 3:1-4; Ps 84; Heb 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 Feb 2 – Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30 Feb 3 – Hebrews 10:26-39 Feb 4 – Hebrews 11:1-16 Feb 5 – Hebrews 11:17-31 Feb 6 – Hebrews 11:32-40 Feb 7 – Hebrews 12:1-3 Feb 8 – Hebrews 12:4-13 Feb 9 – Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11 Feb 10 – Hebrews 12:14-29 Feb 11 – Hebrews 13:1-8 Feb 12 – Hebrews 13:9-14 Feb 13 – Hebrews 13:15-19 Feb 14 – Hebrews 13:20-25 Feb 15 - Romans 13:8-10 Feb 16 – Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26 Feb 17 – Romans 13:11-14

Feb 18 – Romans 14:1-12 Feb 19 – Romans 14:13-23 Feb 20 – Romans 15:1-6 Feb 21 – Romans 15:7-13 Feb 22 – Romans 15:14-22 Feb 23 - Genesis 45:3-11,15; Ps 37:1-11,39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50; Luke 6:27-38 Feb 24 – Romans 15:23-33 Feb 25 – Romans 16:1-7 Feb 26 – Romans 16:8-12 Feb 27 - Romans 16:13-16 Feb 28 – Romans 16:17-23/24 MARCH Mar 1 - Romans 16:25-27 Mar 2 – (Transfiguration Sunday) Ezek 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Cor 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 Mar 3 – Revelation 21:1-8 Mar 4 – Revelation 21:9-27 Mar 5 (Ash Wednesday) Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Ps 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6,16-21 Mar 6 – Revelation 22:1-5 Mar 7 – Revelation 22:6-11 Mar 8 – Revelation 22:12-21 Mar 9 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent) Deut. 26:1-11; Ps 91:1-2,9-16; Rom 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

## Some Suggestions

~ Find a quiet place ~ Try to find a consistent time ~ Pick up a journal or composition notebook as a companion to your readings ~ Write down one verse (or more than one) that stands out to you from each reading with the date of that reading ~ Share at least one verse with at least one person during the week ~ If you miss a day, don't go back, start with the current date ~ Enjoy the journey ~ Whatever you do, don't give up! ~ For a great challenge, read these passages from a different translation than the one you normally read from.

## RACK PRINCIPLE

Stay in the Word – <u>R</u>ead Stand on the Word – <u>Apply</u> – journal/notes Share from the Word – <u>Confirm</u> – others Strength through the Word – <u>K</u>now God in a deeper way