

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

DRAWING NEAR IN ADVENT

JEREMIAH 33:14–16

Trusting God's Promises

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

Jeremiah 33:14

Advent is the beginning of the Christian year, when we once again commit ourselves to the story of Jesus Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection. While Christmas gets the cultural spotlight, Advent brings with it the excitement and promise of a new year as we prepare to receive the Christ child into our world. Passages like this one speak to the promise of change and hope sung throughout Scripture.

At the same time, it can be hard to hear words that speak of fulfilled promises year after year. Advent comes every year, and still there is tragedy. Christmas comes every year, and there are still too many people who do not have enough to survive. Lent comes every year, and there are still so many ways we do not reflect God's image into the world. Easter comes every year, and there is still too much death.

But I am comforted every year knowing that God is present with us in our conflict and our mess. God continues to come to us, be with us, and fulfill the promises in our time.
