

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—November 30, 2010

Vicar Notes:

The last day in November....Advent up here in the north country is about as different as can be from this season in a city.

- In a city, December feels like a season of hustle bustle: we have deep quiet.
- In the city, December brings a plethora of lights: here we have deep darkness at 5 PM.
- In the city shops and restaurants are open longer hours, inviting us to come in and buy, buy, buy: many of our restaurants and shops are closed.
- In the city, there's a sort of frenzied party, party, party—coming up to the holidays: here it feels like we are hunkering down.

I suspect our experience of this time of year is more parallel with many of our forebears down the years—when you consider how far north England, Scotland, and Ireland are—the darkness and sense of deepening we feel must be similar to theirs.

As Christians, this time of growing darkness can be an invitation to deepen our roots, to slow it down and listen. God often speaks to us in the quiet and in the depths.

Let's "study to be quiet" as Izaak Walton said, during this Advent season. As we lean into the darkness, we may well hear the voice of God.

Peace, Mary Ellen+



Don't Forget!

- December 5th: We dedicate our pledges during our service.
- December 5th: Brief forum on Matthew
- December 5th: Potluck at Andrew and Jennye's 1 PM
- December 6th: Spirit of the Wilderness at the Food Shelf
- December 12th: Collection of Food Shelf food
- December 18th: Spirit rings Salvation Army bells at Johnson's
- December 24th: Christmas Eve service



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