

Parkman Congregational Church

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 12	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Communion
Monday, December 13	Women's Fellowship Christmas Party, 7 Elders, 7:00 pm
Friday, December 17	Movie Night, 6:30 pm
Saturday, December 18	But First-Coffee, 9:00 am AA, 8:30 pm
Sunday, December 19	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Communion



*Please add your prayer requests to the
Log on the prayer podium.
-We ask that you continue to
Keep those loved ones in your daily prayers.*

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Romans: Helping the Gentiles understand God better	
12/12 –Romans 6:12-14	Instruments of Righteousness or Unrighteousness
12/19 –Romans 6:15-23	What Then?
Luke 16:1-13	No One Can Serve Two Masters
Christmas Eve	
12/24 –Revelation 12	The Promised Child . . .

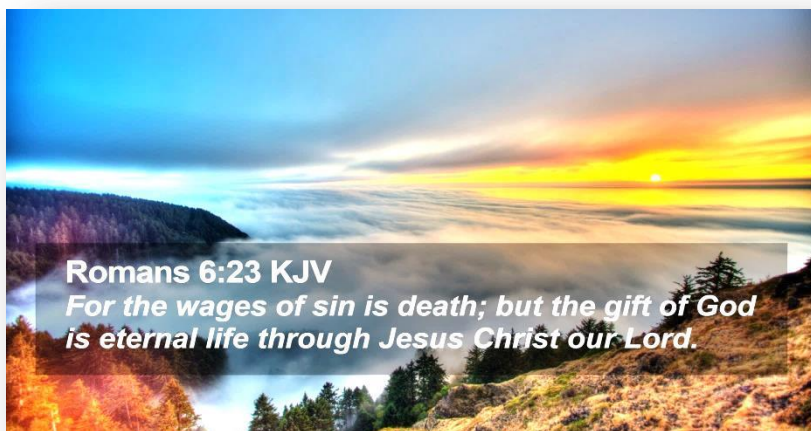


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NOT God's plan for my life
BUT my life for God's plan
NOT God's vision for our church
BUT our church for God's Vision

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SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH
Romans 6:23



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LOOKING AHEAD

December 13 – Women's Fellowship Christmas Party
December 17 – Movie Night, 6:30 pm



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Friday, 12-24-21 at 7:00 pm

December 25, 2021
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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'Pastor Will's Cell Phone is turned off after 9:00 pm'
If there is an emergency, please call one of the Elders'
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DID YOU KNOW?

A Birth of Christ Narrative???

Revelation 12 retells the whole of human history
as a drama involving three characters: a woman,

a child and a dragon.

The woman appears first (12:1-2). She could be Mary since she gives birth to Jesus. But she's more likely to be the people of God as a whole, from whose seed the Messiah came. Isaiah portrayed Israel as a woman in childbirth, waiting to bring forth the Messiah (Isaiah 26:17, 66:6) and the woman in Revelation spans the whole history of redemption. Revelation 12:17 refers to Christians as "the rest of her offspring" – the product of the mission of the church.

The child is Jesus. Verse 5 says the child "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." It's a quote from Psalm 2:9 where God's Messiah receives an iron scepter to rule the nations.

The dragon is clearly identified as Satan in Revelation 12:9: "The great dragon was hurled down- the ancient snake called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray." But the Old Testament also often describes great empires and evil forces as a dragon or some other monstrous creature (Psalm 74:12-14, 89:10; Isaiah 27:1, 30:7; Ezekiel 29:3, 32:2-3; Habakkuk 3:8-15). The dragon has "seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads" (Revelation 12:3). Ten and seven are symbols of completeness, so the dragon's ten horns and seven crowns represent his false claim to complete sovereignty (Daniel 7:7,24). In Revelation 12:4 we're told that "its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to earth." It's a reference to Daniel 8:10, which describes Antiochus Epiphanes, who would persecute God's people in the third century BC. John's use of this allusion suggests that behind the hostility of Antiochus on earth was the hostility of Satan in heaven. This is typical of the way John reapplies an Old Testament critique of idolatrous power to his own day.

The drama of chapter 12 unfolds in three acts.

1. Act One: The Coming of Jesus
2. Act Two: The Defeat of Satan
3. Act Three: The Warfare of the Church

- Tim Chester "Revelation for You."