

Advent 2024

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The world has been waiting for the Word of God to be present. In our Lord, the Word became flesh and lived among us. In Jesus, the Word of God, we have both God revealed to us in human form and we have the good news of the gospel revealed to us in the word of God, the Bible.

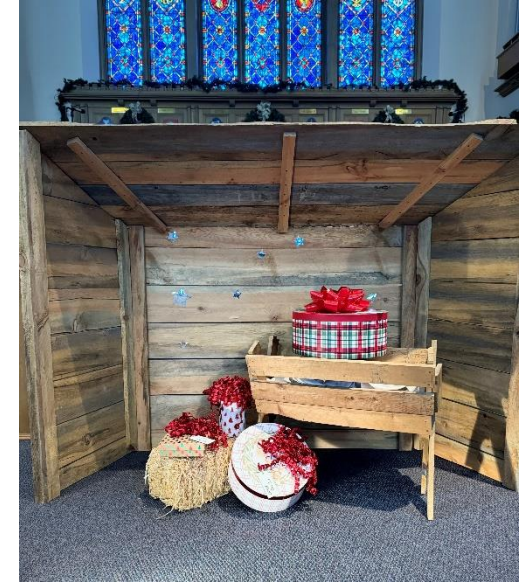
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