



**Year C, Second Sunday of Advent,  
December 8, 2024:** *Malachi 3:1-4;  
Luke 1:58-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke  
3:1-6*

*"See, I am sending my messenger to  
prepare the way before me..." Malachi  
3:1a*

It is good to KNOW that when we face  
"NOT KNOWING," God sends  
messengers to guide us. Regardless of  
*who* they are or how they look, God's

messengers will always speak from LOVE. LOVE, that Paul defines as that  
endures, hopes and believes all: It never fails to comfort, inspire, encourage  
and support; LOVE listens.

Messengers who speak LOVE restore peace and revive joy; they suffer *with*  
and refuse to judge or condemn, but gently correct; they provide purpose  
and bring a sense of well-being, as image bearers of God. LOVE Messengers  
point us to a life of unimaginable potential.

Fortified with *LOVE* messages, "NOT-KNOWING" yields to this assurance  
promised in *Philippians 1:6*, "*I am confident of this, that the one who began  
a good work in YOU/ME will continue to complete it, until the day of Jesus  
Christ.*"

That day is "every day." That "good work" is to be transformed into the  
image of Jesus, our Christ.

*Advent Blessings,  
Rev. Julia*