Next Steps

"Next Steps" are ideas and opportunities to help you go deeper in your faith. They are different each week, and linked to Sunday's message.

Below you'll find scriptures to read, questions for reflection, practices to try and opportunities to take action, all to help you become more like Jesus in your relationships with God, the Church and the world.

November 29, 2020 "How Sweet the Sound of Christmas: *O Holy Night*"

- Read the words of *O Holy Night*. How does this song reflect the story of Jesus' birth in Matthew 1 and Luke 1 & 2?
- "A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices/For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn."
 - In what ways are you feeling weary?
 - How is this weariness similar to what Mary and Joseph experienced on that first holy night?
- Read Lamentations 3:20-26. This passage describes what a new and glorious morn with Jesus is all about.
 - When have you seen Christ give you exactly what you need? What do you need today that God can provide?
 - What weariness makes you want to give up? What steps can you take to let go of the fear and hold on to the hope we have in Christ?
 - How can Christ alone give you the help you need?
- Fall on your knees / O hear the angels' voices.
 - In what ways can you humble yourself and worship God in this Advent season?
 - o In what new ways can you hear God's word and the message of the angels?
- Truly He taught us to love one another / His law is love and His gospel is peace.
 - How can you reach out in love this Advent season?
 - Who needs to hear about the love of Jesus and how can you share it with them?
 - o Love in a way that will bring peace this season.

This year's Christmas Offering will go to our partners in mission, Sowing Seeds in Belize. You can give online all this month at bellefontefaith.com/christmasoffering.