TODAY’S SCRIPTURE
FOCUS:
MATTHEW 2:1-12

“O HOLY NIGHT”

LITURGICAL SEASONS:
Advent (4)
Christmas/Epiph. (2)
Lent/Holy Week (7)
Resurrection Seasn (7)
Pentecost (24+)

to CHRISTmas:
11/27: Angelic Encounter
12/04: Our Yes to GOD
12/11: Connect to Others
12/18: The Night Before

LECTIONARY:
~Pre-Assigned,
Scheduled readings from the Holy Scriptures
~3-Year Cycle
(Synoptic Gospels)

LECTIONARY READINGS
OT: __________
PSALM: __________
EPS: __________
GSPL: __________
FOUR PRIMARY COLORS:
11/27: Purple (Blue or Violet)
12/04: Purple (Blue or Violet)
12/11: Rose (Pink)
12/18: White

KEY ADVENT WORDS:
~ADVENT:
(Adventus – “arrival / coming”)
~CHRIST-O-LOGICAL:
(Of or Pertaining to CHRIST)
~ESCHAT-O-LOGICAL
(Eschaton – “last”)

SERMONIC POINTS:
#1: INQUIRY
#2: IMPERAIVE
#3: IMPACT

SERMONIC POINT #1:
INQUIRY

“Now after JESUS was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem.”

Matthew 2:1
“saying, ‘Where is HE who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen HIS star in the East and have come to worship HIM.’”

Matthew 2:2

“When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.”

Matthew 2:3

“And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes...together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.”

Matthew 2:4

SERMONIC POINT #2: IMPERATIVE

“And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and search carefully for the young CHILD,...”

Matthew 2:8a

“...and when you have found HIM, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship HIM also.”

Matthew 2:8b
“Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.”

Matthew 2:12

SERMONIC POINT #3: IMPACT

“When they saw the start, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.”

Matthew 2:10

“And when they had come into the house...fell down and worshiped HIM...they presented gifts to HIM: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11