

Learning For All Ages "Feet on the Ground" - Walking the Path of Peace

Have you ever taken a trip - a journey - and wondered how long it will take? Did you ever ask, "Are we there yet?"

Our Magi have set out on the journey with hope, following the wild star. Mary & Joseph with their donkey, are travelling to Bethlehem... Even the shepherds, leaving the hillsides where they were watching their sheep...

Often when we look at our nativity scenes, all these characters are already in place, ready for Christmas. We sometimes forget about the journey.

A lot happens on the journey. We make plans about where we are going - our destination. We have hope, because sometimes the journey takes a long time. We must eat and rest on the journey - take care of ourselves and others who are travelling with us. Sometimes we get lost or decide to stop for a while and do something else.

Journeys take a long time. If we are always saying, ""Are we there yet", we may miss some important things along the way.

Today we have all the characters, not in the stable, but still on the journey, reminding us to think about the Advent journey, not just Christmas.

Today we lit our candle of Peace. Peace is a journey. It doesn't just happen. It takes some travelling to create peace. It takes patience. It takes listening. It takes understanding. It takes kindness. It takes forgiveness. These are just a few of the things we need on the journey of peace.

If peace is a journey.... what is your prayer for peace? How can you be a friend of peace to others and to the earth as you prepare for Christmas?

- Rev. Whitney Bruno – Dec. 7, 2025