

December 11, 2016 “Be Ready To Wait” based on Isa. 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matt. 11:2-11

Past election showed impatience of American people. We are all anxious

- Every suite of offices has a ‘waiting room’
- We all spend time in the ‘waiting rooms’ of life
- People of Isaiah’s time were waiting for God to act. Vision gave them confidence.
- John the Baptist in Matthew’s time was waiting in jail, hoping Jesus was the ‘one’.
- James encouraged the early Christians to be patient, in spite of persecution.
- Still the hope of the church that Jesus will come, but need to be patient

When we get tired of waiting, we become unloving, irritable, unkind

- We let down our guard, fail to use the spiritual weapons God provides
- Christian patience is a ‘fruit of the Spirit’, need to ask God to give it
- Visions of harmony and peace give us hope
- We can deal with trials and challenges if we know there will be healing and reward

Jesus Christ is God’s promise kept

- When Jesus was born, God allowed us insight into His plan
- God continues His plan by working with and through us. God blesses those who endure.

Even as we wait, God’s plan is unfolding in and through His Church, which is us!