

Lectionary for 2008 (Year A plus Advent Year B)

The lectionary is designed to tell as many stories of the Bible as possible over a three-year period. It can be used as a guide for planners of Sunday worship, and may be used occasionally, regularly, in part, or in whole. It is also offered in recognition of the ecumenical involvement of the United Church in its preparation.

Bracketed numbers indicate verses for optional use. The Psalm normally relates to the reading from the Hebrew scripture, and is intended as a congregational response, not as a "lesson."

The numbers beside each date refer to the corresponding bulletin in the series.

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6 **1**
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord

January 13 **2**
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 20 **3**
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27 **4**
Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Transfiguration Sunday

February 3 **5**
Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9
Psalm 99

First Sunday in Lent

February 10 **6**
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Second Sunday in Lent

February 17 **7**
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17
Matthew 17:1-9

Third Sunday in Lent

February 24 **8**
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 2 **9**
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 9 **10**
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Liturgy of the Palms

March 16 **11**
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66
Matthew 27:11-54

Good Friday

March 21 **12**
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Easter Day

March 23 **13**
Acts 10:34-43
or Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

Second Sunday of Easter

March 30 **14**
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter

April 6 **15**
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 13 **16**
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 20 **17**
Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

April 27
Acts 17:22–31
Psalm 66:8–20
1 Peter 3:13–22
John 14:15–21

18**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 4
Acts 1:6–14
Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35
1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11
John 17:1–11

19**Day of Pentecost**

May 11
Acts 2:1–21
or Numbers 11:24–30
Psalm 104:24–34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b–13
or Acts 2:1–21
John 20:19–23
or John 7:37–39

20**First after Pentecost**

May 18
Genesis 1:1–2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11–13
Matthew 28:16–20

21**Second after Pentecost**

May 25
Isaiah 49:8–16a
Psalm 131
1 Corinthians 4:1–5
Matthew 6:24–34

22**Third after Pentecost**

June 1
Genesis 6:9–22; 7:24; 8:14–19
Psalm 46
or Deuteronomy 11:18–21, 26–28
Psalm 31:1–5, 19–24
Romans 1:16–17; 3:22b–28, (29–31)
Matthew 7:21–29

23**Fourth after Pentecost**

June 8
Genesis 12:1–9
Psalm 33:1–12 or Hosea 5:15–6:6
Psalm 50:7–15
Romans 4:13–25
Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

24**Fifth after Pentecost**

June 15
Genesis 18:1–15, (21:1–7)
Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19
or Exodus 19:2–8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1–8
Matthew 9:35–10:8, (9–23)

25**Sixth after Pentecost**

June 22
Genesis 21:8–21
Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17 or
Jeremiah 20:7–13
Psalm 69:7–10, (11–15), 16–18
Romans 6:1b–11
Matthew 10:24–39

26**Seventh after Pentecost**

June 29
Genesis 22:1–14
Psalm 13
or Jeremiah 28:5–9
Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18
Romans 6:12–23
Matthew 10:40–42

27**Eighth after Pentecost**

July 6
Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49,
58–67
Psalm 45:10–17
or Song of Solomon 2:8–13
or Zechariah 9:9–12
Psalm 145:8–14
Romans 7:15–25a
Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

28**Ninth after Pentecost**

July 13
Genesis 25:19–34
Psalm 119:105–112
or Isaiah 55:10–13
Psalm 65:(1–8), 9–13
Romans 8:1–11
Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

29**Tenth after Pentecost**

July 20
Genesis 28:10–19a
Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24
or Wisdom of Solomon 12:13,
16–19 or Isaiah 44:6–8
Psalm 86:11–17
Romans 8:12–25
Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

30**Eleventh after Pentecost**

July 27
Genesis 29:15–28
Psalm 105:1–11, 45b
or Psalm 128
or 1 Kings 3:5–12
Psalm 119:129–136
Romans 8:26–39
Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

31**Twelfth after Pentecost**

August 3
Genesis 32:22–31
Psalm 17:1–7, 15
or Isaiah 55:1–5
Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21
Romans 9:1–5
Matthew 14:13–21

32**Thirteenth after Pentecost**

August 10
Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28
Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b
or 1 Kings 19:9–18
Psalm 85:8–13
Romans 10:5–15
Matthew 14:22–33

33**Fourteenth after Pentecost**

August 17
Genesis 45:1–15
Psalm 133 or
Isaiah 56:1, 6–8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32
Matthew 15:(10–20), 21–28

34**Fifteenth after Pentecost**

August 24
Exodus 1:8—2:10
Psalm 124 or
Isaiah 51:1–6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1–8
Matthew 16:13–20

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Sixteenth after Pentecost

August 31
Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
or Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

36**Seventeenth after Pentecost**

September 7
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
or Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

37**Eighteenth after Pentecost**

September 14
Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
or Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

38**Nineteenth after Pentecost**

September 21
Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
or Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

39**Twentieth after Pentecost**

September 28
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
or Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

40**Twenty-first after Pentecost**

October 5
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
or Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

41**Thanksgiving Sunday**

October 12
Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Psalm 65
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 17:11-19

42**Twenty-third after Pentecost**

October 19
Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
or Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

43**Twenty-fourth after Pentecost**

October 26
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
or Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

44**Twenty-fifth after Pentecost**

November 2
Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
or Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

45**Remembrance**

November 9
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
or Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
or Amos 5:18-24
Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20
or Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

46**Twenty-seventh after Pentecost**

November 16
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123 or Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

47**Reign of Christ**

November 23
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100 or Ezekiel 34:11-16,
20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

48**First Sunday of Advent**

November 30
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

49**Second Sunday of Advent**

December 7
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

50**Third Sunday of Advent**

December 14
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
or Luke 1:47-55
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

51**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

December 21
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:47-55
or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

52**Christmas Eve and/or
Christmas Day**

December 24/25
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

53**First Sunday after Christmas Day**

December 28
Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

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