



The Michigan Conference Mitten Project

All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings

“The dark is not an end. It’s a door. It’s the way a new beginning comes” ~ Gayle Boss

Welcome & Theological Vision

During the season of Advent, we live in the tension of waiting—waiting for light in the midst of darkness, waiting for healing in a broken world, and waiting for the birth of Emmanuel, God-With-Us.

This worship resource pairs the biblical narrative with the natural wisdom of creation. Drawing from Gayle Boss’s *All Creation Waits (Children’s Edition)*, each week highlights a creature from the natural world that undergoes transformation, rest, or community survival during the cold dark of winter. Through these animal companions, we discover that waiting is not passive; it is the holy work of preparing our hearts for transformation.

This curriculum is designed specifically to bridge sanctuary worship and Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) ministries, offering a shared vocabulary and tangible practice for worshippers of all ages.

Designed around the 2026 Mitten Project Advent Resource books, *All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings*¹ and *Children’s Edition All Creation Waits*,² We hope this supports local churches and local church leaders. The ultimate goal is that you are able to use these resources to explore intergenerational worship and hopefully incorporate children ages 0-12 in worship and prayer during the season of Advent. Every entry integrates sanctuary worship with low-prep, high-engagement activities tailored for worshippers of all ages.

Important Leader Notes

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¹ *All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings*, 2016., by Gayle Boss, Brewster, Massachusetts: Paraclete Press

² *Children’s Edition All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings*, 2023., by Gayle Boss, Brewster, Massachusetts: Paraclete Press

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Season Overview

Date	Theme	Animal	Scripture	Key Activity
Nov 19, 2026	HOPE awake and at rest	Painted Turtle	Mark 13:24-37 <i>The coming of the Son of Man</i> - KEEP AWAKE	Guided 5-Minute Meditative Breath Practice
Dec 6, 2026	PEACE in God and one another	Honey Bee	Mark 1:1-8 <i>John appears from the wilderness</i> - PREPARE THE WAY	Interconnected Hexagon Tile Altar Mosaic
Dec 13, 2026	JOY in community	Wild Turkey	John 1:6-8, 19-28 <i>A witness to the light</i> - TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT	Congregational Litany and Dancing
Dec 20, 2026	LOVE lights the way	Common Eastern Firefly	Luke 1:26-38 <i>The angel appears to Mary</i> - LET IT BE WITH ME	Intergenerational Brick Prayers
Christmas	CHRIST with us	Jesus, the Christ	Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) <i>God with us</i> - ALL CREATION HAS WAITED	



ADVENT WEEK ONE: HOPE awake and at rest

November 29, 2026

Painted Turtle

Focus Scripture: Mark 13:24-37 *The coming of the Son of Man* - KEEP AWAKE

“The dark is not an end. It’s a door. It’s the way a new beginning comes” ~ Gayle Boss

Required Materials & Preparation:

Advent Wreath (4 Advent candles + center Christ Candle, Candle 3 is PINK for Joy)

Matches / Lighter

Picture Book: All Creation Waits (Children's Edition) by Gayle Boss

Guided Breath Exercise Preparation:

Designate a congregational mindfulness practitioner to lead the 5-minute breath practice, ****OR****

Cue up the guided audio/video resource ([Children's 5-Minute Deep Breathing Exercise](#))³

Call to Worship - excerpt from Painted Turtle - All Creation Waits Children’s Edition

Leader: Waiting is her one work

People: And it is not easy.

Leader: Sunk in deep stillness

People: She trusts, that one day her world will warm again,

Leader: That she will breathe again

ALL: The dark is not an end. It’s a door. It’s the way a new beginning comes

Lighting of the Candle of Hope - adapted from UCC Book of Worship

Leader 1: Today is the beginning of Advent - the preparation time for celebrating Christ’s birth.

Leader 2: We are here because God’s promises to our ancestors came true when Jesus was born.

³ “Mindful Meditation: 5-Minute Deep Breathing Mindful Relaxation” Nicklaus Children's Hospital, accessed August 13, 2026

<https://www.nicklauschildrens.org/news-and-events/video-center/5-minute-deep-breathing-mindful-relaxation>

Leader 1: God's promise is kept each Sunday when we worship because Christ is in our midst.

Leader 2: With the coming of this light there is hope.

Leader 1: Because of Christ we not only have hope, but we trust that good is stronger than evil.

Leader 2: God wants us to work for good in this world.

Light one candle in the wreath

Leader 1: We thank God that Jesus brings hope into our world.

Leader 2: Help us be ready to welcome the Christ Child, so that we may be a people of hope in our world.
Amen.

Message for All Ages

Preparation Note:

Read Advent 1: *Painted Turtle* from All Creation Waits Children's Edition

Leader Guide / Interactive Prompts:

1. Read aloud the Advent 1 entry, *Painted Turtle* from All Creation Waits Children's Edition to the congregation
2. Share Advent 1 Information about Painted Turtle and use the discussion prompts from p. 58
3. Ask the congregation: When is being still a better choice than being busy for you?

Scripture Reading: Mark 13:24-37

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=18921&z=a&d=1>

Congregational (Intergenerational) Activity

Use script as desired:

The painted turtle stops breathing for 6 months on the bottom of the frozen lake in order to stay alive, and Jesus gives an apocalyptic sermon about what our own work is to do. The painted turtle's work is to stop, rest, and survive during the winter. This feels unexpected to us because we can't imagine that as a path forward.

If awake and moving, the cold would kill her. She trusts that being still will help her survive and that spring will come. How do we hold knowing that about her alongside our human desire to keep moving, learning, growing, protecting, changing, earning, succeeding?

In God's economy there is enough. Enough time, enough air, enough trust. We ought to be able to see the importance of caring for Creation and each other, but we can have a hard time understanding what Jesus means when he says "keep awake."

Together as a congregation, we are going to engage in a meditative breath practice today during worship. 5 minutes of deep breathing and relaxing together as a way of paying attention to the gift of breath from God, noticing how our bodies feel during and afterwards, and wondering how the practice of breathing connects us to Painted Turtle and the words of Jesus.

(If you have a skilled practitioner of mindful breathing in your congregation, invite them to lead this practice. If you do not, here is an online resource to utilize

<https://www.nicklauschildrens.org/news-and-events/video-center/5-minute-deep-breathing-mindful-relaxation>)

Our breath is “the way a new beginning comes”

On this first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of HOPE - let’s be aware together how we might continue to make room for change and transformation, and bring HOPE with our breath.

Music Ideas

Hymn 112 New Century - Keep Awake, Be Always Ready

Hymn 569 New Century - Touch the Earth Lightly

Instrumental Music - [Turtle](#) - Thomas Newman

[Turtles](#) Jesse Welles

Benediction

Waiting is our Advent work

Like Painted Turtle, we know waiting is not easy

As we leave this place may we take our breath and our hope with us,

Trusting that “the dark is not an end. It’s a door. It’s the way a new beginning comes”

Amen

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ADVENT WEEK TWO: PEACE in God and one another

December 6, 2026

Honey Bee

Focus Scripture: Mark 1:1-8 *John appears from the wilderness* - PREPARE THE WAY

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Required Materials & Preparation:

Advent Wreath (4 Advent candles + center Christ Candle, Candle 3 is PINK for Joy)

Matches / Lighter

Picture Book: All Creation Waits (Children's Edition) by Gayle Boss

Hexagon Tile Mosaic Supplies:

Pre-printed and cut hexagon cardstock tiles (approx. 3" size).

Markers, colored pencils, or crayons in pews.

Wall, board, or table set up at the front for assembling the mosaic during worship.

Optional Communion Tie-In: If serving Communion today, incorporate honey (e.g., honey bread or honey dip) to emphasize how SWEET it is when we are working towards peace together. “It’s the way a new beginning comes” Honey provides John wilderness sustenance like the honey bees slowly ration their honey stores to feed the worker bees generating heat to keep the queen alive.

Call to Worship - excerpt from Honey Bee - All Creation Waits Children’s Edition

Leader: As they shiver, The sisters dance, looping and moving

People: From the cooler, outside curve of their cluster, In toward the warmer core.

Leader: Each bee knows that to live through winter

People: They all must dance and shiver together.

ALL: The dark is not an end. It’s a door. It’s the way a new beginning comes

Lighting of the Candle of Peace - adapted from UCC Book of Worship

Leader 1: We gather around the Advent wreath today knowing that we are not perfect.

Leader 2: Jesus helps us live as God wants us to live in community.

Leader 1: Jesus gives us hope.

Light the first candle

Leader 2: Jesus gives us peace

Light the second candle

Leader 1: With the coming of this light there is peace, for Christ is called the “Prince of Peace”

Leader 2: The presence of Christ with us gives us peace day by day

Leader 1: Help us to have your peace in our lives

Leader 2: We pray that in this Advent season we will share peace with others too. Amen

Message for All Ages

Preparation Note:

Read Advent 6: *Honey Bee* from All Creation Waits Children’s Edition

Leader Guide / Interactive Prompts:

1. Read aloud the Advent 6 entry, *Honey Bee* from All Creation Waits Children’s Edition to the congregation
2. Set the stage by talking about how important it is to take turns. When each bee gives what she can and all the bees take turns, the whole hive is healthy.
3. Ask the congregation: What examples do you have from your own life of how taking turns and sharing work helps you or your family?

Scripture Reading Mark Leader 1:1-8

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=18921&z=a&d=2>

Congregational (Intergenerational) Activity

Use script as desired:

Bees huddle and move, dance and shiver, together to keep warm and protect their queen. They rely on one another in small, collective ways to ensure their community survival. John is baptizing people in the wilderness and relying on God to provide his clothing and food through Creation. John is asking people to reorient their lives towards God and one another in preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

To find peace, we must rely on one another and on God. Baptism for John, and in our Christian tradition, is an outward sign of our reliance on God in community with each other. It is not a solo act. Just like Honey Bees, we promise our love, support, and care to one another as a way to live collaboratively. We need each other, and we have to celebrate our deep interconnectedness in order to build a more peaceful world for all people.

Activity Instructions (Step-by-Step)

Distribute Tiles: Ensure every person has a cardstock hexagon tile and something to write/color with.

Create & Reflect: Invite everyone to color their tile or write a word/prayer of peace.

Assemble the Hive:

Collect the tiles during the offering OR invite worshippers to bring their tiles forward to a display area during a dedicated response time.

Leader/Volunteer Action: Connect the tiles side-by-side to form a growing honeycomb mosaic at the front of the sanctuary.

Print hexagon tiles on cardstock and cut them out before worship. Invite the congregation to take time during worship to have everyone color or write on their hexagon. Collect them during offering OR a ritual during worship where people bring them forward to create an artistic Advent mural/mosaic. This is a reminder that turning towards God and one another is how we create lasting PEACE. We are connected to each other and our planet by divine design.

[Hexagon Template HERE](#) - print settings - scale to fit + fill entire paper for 3" hexagons

Optional Communion Connection: If celebrating Communion, remind the congregation how wild honey sustained John, and note how sweet it is when we work together toward God's peace.

Music ideas

Hymn 571 New Century O God of Love, O God of Peace

Hymn 609 New Century Now is the Time Approaching

Hymn 170 New Century Your Ways Are Not Our Own

[Peace Like a River](#) (from our Mitten Project Summer Event)

Instrumental Music - [Flight of the Bumblebee](#) - Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Benediction

Waiting is our Advent work.

Like Honey Bee, we shiver, dance, and try to survive together.

As we leave this place may we take our community and our peace with us,
trusting that "the dark is not an end. It's a door. It's the way a new beginning comes"

Amen

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ADVENT WEEK THREE: JOY in community

December 13, 2026

Wild Turkey

Focus Scripture: John 1:6-8, 19-28 *A witness to the light* - TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT

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Required Materials & Preparation:

Advent Wreath (4 Advent candles + center Christ Candle, Candle 3 is PINK for Joy)

Matches / Lighter

Picture Book: All Creation Waits (Children's Edition) by Gayle Boss

[music cued](#) up for Congregational Litany and Dancing

Call to Worship - Wild Turkey - adapted from All Creation Waits Children’s Edition

Leader: That’s why they chose this slope for their winter home.

People: When blizzards roar, the fir boughs offer shelter

Leader: Fluffing their feathers, they call to each other

People: In this good place we’ll be safe together

Leader: The dark is not an end. It’s a door.

ALL: It’s the way a new beginning comes.

Lighting of the Candle of Joy - adapted from UCC Book of Worship

Leader 1: Soon we will celebrate the birth of Jesus

Leader 2: We worship God with joy in our hearts

Leader 1: Worshipping God gives us hope

Light the first candle

Leader 2: Worshipping God brings us peace

Light the second candle

Leader 1: We light this third candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world.

Leader 2: With the coming of this light there is joy

Light the third candle

Leader 1: Help us to seek a holy joy that is not dependent on earthly things.

Leader 2: We pray that we are filled with your joy so that we can share it widely. Amen

Message for All Ages

Preparation Note:

Read Advent 14: *Wild Turkey* from All Creation Waits Children's Edition

Leader Guide / Interactive Prompts:

1. Read aloud the Advent 14 entry, *Wild Turkey* from All Creation Waits Children's Edition to the congregation
2. Share Advent 14 Information about Wild Turkey and use the discussion prompts from p. 61
3. Ask the congregation: How do people, like Wild Turkeys, comfort each other during hard times?

Scripture Reading John Leader Leader 1:6-8, 19-28

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=18921&z=a&d=3>

Congregational (Intergenerational) Activity

Use script as desired:

Wild turkeys choose places to winter together that provide the necessary resources to survive. When the snow gets deep and they can't search for food, they huddle together and remind each other that even if the weather continues to be inhospitable, together they can wait it out, knowing that they have what they need. The book of John begins with John the Witness preparing a way for Jesus. Testifying to others, so that they might be ready to understand that the light was coming. John's charismatic ministry helped the people he was baptizing to be open to what was coming next with Jesus' ministry. As John prepared the way, hearts were opened and crowds of people were ready to turn towards God and listen to the message that Jesus was preaching. John helped the people he was with to look for the light, to find the good amidst the oppression of the Roman Empire, and to hope for ways to rejoice with one another even in the harshest wilderness conditions.

Flocks of people, through the act of baptism in the Jordan River, committed to a common life together that would alleviate and outlast their individual suffering. They were saying to one another "in this good place, we will be safe together."

Use this Gaudette Sunday Litany to find joy with one another and reaffirm your commitments to love, support and care for one another:

Leader: In this good place, we'll be safe together.

People: In this good place, we'll be safe together.

Leader: In this good place, you belong

People: I belong

Leader: In this good place, you are beloved

People: I am beloved

Leader: In this good place, we delight in one another and the presence of God

People: I am a delight

Leader: As an outward sign of our delight in one another and of our delight in this place lets dance together.

[Optional Leader Note: Demonstrate the 4 parts of the “chicken dance” (beaks, wings, waddle, clap) before the music starts if your congregation would benefit from guidance]

[TURKEY DANCE!!!](#)⁴

Leader: In community we laugh together

People: In community we rejoice

Leader: In community we find joy

People: In community we are delightful

Leader: In this good place, we are safe together. May it be so.

Music ideas

Hymn 107 New Century Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Hymn 109 New Century With Joy Draw Water

Hymn 132 New Century Joy to the World!

[Joy to the World](#)

[I Sing Because I'm Happy](#)

⁴“The Chicken Dance (Instrumental Version)” YouTube, accessed August 13, 2026
<https://share.google/AxodtbGS17ttjiC9G>

Benediction

Waiting is our Advent work.

Like Wild Turkey, we comfort each other in hard times and we rejoice together always.

As we leave this place let us take our delight and our joy with us.

trusting that “the dark is not an end. It’s a door. It’s the way a new beginning comes”

Amen

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ADVENT WEEK FOUR: LOVE lights the way

December 20, 2026

Common Eastern Firefly

Focus Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 *The angel appears to Mary* - LET IT BE WITH ME

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Required Materials & Preparation:

Advent Wreath (4 Advent candles + center Christ Candle)

Matches / Lighter

Picture Book: All Creation Waits (Children's Edition) by Gayle Boss

Brick Prayers Activity Supplies:

Baskets of building blocks (DUPLO® or MEGA Bloks® work best)

1–2 blocks per worship participant

Extra blocks ready at the front of the sanctuary

Call to Worship - Common Eastern Firefly - adapted from All Creation Waits Children’s Edition

Leader: Firefly has disappeared from dark wintertime

People: but not her light

Leader: Eggs in the earth, eggs that glow!

People: Eating, growing, outgrowing, glowing underground

Leader: Wait while her body changes

People: Finally ready, rise on wings.

Leader: The dark is not an end. It’s a door.

ALL: It’s the way a new beginning comes.

Lighting of the Candle of Love - adapted from UCC Book of Worship

Leader 1: Christmas happens when God comes to us in love through Jesus Christ

Leader 2: and fills us with love for all humankind.

Leader 1: With the coming of this light there is love.

Leader 2: Such great love helps us to love God and one another.

Light all 4 candles

Leader 1: Jesus shows us how to love every person.

Leader 2: God, come to us in the Advent season and give us the capacity to love all your people. Amen.

Message for All Ages

Preparation Note:

Read Advent 19: *Common Eastern Firefly* from All Creation Waits Children's Edition

Leader Guide / Interactive Prompts:

1. Read aloud the Advent 19 entry, *Common Eastern Firefly* from All Creation Waits Children's Edition to the congregation
2. Share Advent 19 Information about Fireflies and use the discussion prompts from p. 62
3. Ask the congregation: When has it taken you a lot of growing to be ready to do something new?

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=18921&z=a&d=4>

Congregational (Intergenerational) Activity

Use script as desired:

Fireflies have an incredible life cycle. As we read in All Creation Waits, fireflies wait underground, growing and faintly glowing, for about 300 days. At this point in the year, they are still deeply buried in the ground, they are simply eating and growing, getting ready for the transformation that will happen inside a womb-like, mud cave where they are born into something entirely different that will crawl and fly and share her light on a summer night.

In our scripture reading today, Mary finds herself in a time of deep uncertainty, and yet she says "Let it be with me as you have said." We can only imagine how heavy the weight of the news that has been shared with her feels, but she is willing to take on what God has asked of her. She accepts that things will change and she will grow and be transformed by what is ahead of her.

Because we know the rest of the story, we understand that what might seem like a very scary and dark moment for her, “is not an end. It’s a door” her radical acceptance and love for God, she “is the way a new beginning comes” and God’s miracle of being born in human form gives us the light of the world, Jesus.

One of the most important ways that we can show our love for God is by loving ourselves and each other. For our congregational activity today, we are going to build ourselves up and build each other up with brick prayers.

This activity comes from p. 61 of *Church Together*⁵ and will use blocks as a way of joining our loves together to offer a visual representation of the individual and communal ways we love ourselves.

Activity Instructions:

Distribute Blocks: Have ushers hand out 1–2 blocks per person as they enter, OR pass baskets of blocks down each pew.

Share & Stack:

1. Invite each person to name one thing they love about themselves (a gift, strength, or light they share). These things that we love about ourselves are some of the ways that we best shine our light for others to see. Each brick represents one thing we love about ourselves.
2. As each person in a pew or small group names a gift, they snap their block onto their neighbor's block to build a combined structure
3. (Leader Tip: Keep towers small—no more than 5–6 blocks high—so they don't tip over when passed!)

Bring Forward:

1. Invite the youngest person in each pew to bring their pew's tower to the altar/front table.
2. Litany When all structures are shared in the front of the church this Litany can be used

Leader: God for all that is represented in these bricks

People: We give you thanks and praise

Leader: We are grateful for the ways you build us up, and the ways that we grow together in love.

ALL: Amen.

Music ideas

Hymn 274 New Century Womb of Life, and Source of Being

Hymn 525 New Century This Little Light of Mine

Hymn 165 New Century Love Came Down at Christmas

[Love Came Down at Christmas](#) Shawn Colvin

[Love Came Down at Christmas](#) - short instrumental

[They will know we are Christians by our Love](#)

Benediction

Waiting and loving are our Advent work.

⁵ *Church Together: An Essential Guide to All-Age Ministry* 2026., by Traci Smith & David M. Csinos. Saint Louis, Missouri: Chalice Press.

Like Firefly, we grow and change and learn to keep shining our light.
As we leave this place let love begin with each of us
trusting that “The dark is not an end. It’s a door. It’s the way a new beginning comes”
Amen

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CHRISTMAS: God WITH Us

December 24 or 25, 2026

Jesus, the Christ

Focus Scripture: Luke 2:1–14 (15–20) Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) *God with us* - ALL CREATION HAS WAITED

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Required Materials & Preparation:

Advent Wreath (4 Advent candles + center Christ Candle)

Matches / Lighter

Picture Book: All Creation Waits (Children's Edition) by Gayle Boss

Call to Worship - excerpt from Jesus, the Christ - All Creation Waits Children’s Edition

**gender and age inclusive language edits*

Leader: Out in the wild night fields angels told children who cared for sheep

People: There is a new one born

Leader: He will bring people peace

People: When the shepherds found the child they saw what creation was waiting for

Leader: a human at home with all creatures as kin

ALL: The dark is not an end. It’s a door. It’s the way a new beginning comes

Lighting of the CHRIST Candle - adapted from UCC Book of Worship

Leader 1: We are gathered as God’s people to celebrate what Christ’s coming means for the world

Leader 2: We relight the four advent candles and recall the good news of Hope

Light the first candle

Leader 1: Peace

Light the second candle

Leader 2: Joy

Light the third candle (PINK)

Leader 1: and Love

Light the fourth candle

Leader 2: Jesus is the greatest gift who makes all other gifts possible.

Leader 1: We light the Christ Candle

Light the center candle

Leader 2: God, we thank you that Christ's coming makes hope, peace, joy, and love possible. Amen.

Message for All Ages

Preparation Note:

Read Advent 25: *Jesus, the Christ* from All Creation Waits Children's Edition

Adaptation tip: Use the word "children" instead of "men" to describe the shepherds on the night fields.

Leader Guide / Interactive Prompts:

1. Read aloud the Advent 25 entry, *Jesus, the Christ* from All Creation Waits Children's Edition to the congregation
2. Point out the setting Jesus' very first bed was in a place where animals rested.
3. Ask the congregation: Have any of you ever rested or snuggled with an animal? How did it feel? Throughout Advent, we've looked at how animals prepare for winter. What have you learned from animals about how to get ready to welcome Baby Jesus?

Scripture Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=18921&z=c&d=5>

Music Ideas

Hymn 124 New Century Away in a Manger

Hymn 126 New Century Angel, from the Realms of Glory

Hymn 134 New Century Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymn 148 New Century What Child Is This

Hymn 153 Who Would Think That What Was Needed

Benediction

Waiting was our Advent work.

Now the work of Christmas begins.

Like Jesus, the Christ, we are bearers of God's light and love.

As we leave this place may we know that God is always with us,

trusting that "The dark is not an end. It's a door. It's the way a new beginning comes"

Amen.

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