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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT MORNING MESSAGE
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Long before I knew about Advent Calendars, my family marked the days before Christmas with a candle. We'd get a single white taper ringed with 24 lines. From December 1st until December 24th we'd light the candle; melting the wax to the next line and bringing us closer and closer to the "big day."

I've noticed over recent years that calendars marking the days leading up to Christmas have become popular once again. It seems that most of these new calendars include candy or other sweet treats, however in a few instances I've seen calendars featuring dog treats or in the most bizarre instance beer.

Marking time is the focus of our scripture passages this week. We'll be reading Malachi's words about the coming of a messenger; and Luke's description of the timing for John the Baptist's appearance as the forerunner of Jesus.

How are you marking time during this season? Does this season rush by or seem to be painfully long? Remember that no time is God forsaken; all time is subject to God's in-breaking.

We have already sung the words, "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" may we continue to do so as we mark these days.

Blessings,
Edward