

**Sermon notes - Dec. 2, 2018**  
**Hope ..It's not a Pretty Place"**  
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Sometimes when I listen to the news, I do get a sense that "all hell has broken loose" ....

The stories I have heard from our Indigenous and racialized relatives in the church has "knocked the wind out of me" ... my world – the world as I have known it, looking through the layers of privilege I have, is coming apart at the seams....

Advent always begins with an apocalyptic text, like this one from Luke

Apocalyptic texts have 3 objectives:

- Revealing the truth of how things really are.... especially the truth that those of us who live with a lot of privilege can not see
- Revealing that God intends for things to be different, and hasn't given up on us
- Inviting us to pay attention to what God is bringing to birth among us, and then asking us to choose – which way will we follow?

Advent means "coming" ... the coming of something new, something unexpected... the future that does not follow from the path we are on

The text invites us to *watch*, to keep our expectation sharp, and to learn to see the new thing that God is doing.... Then to choose – which future will we pursue?