

This is God's Story.
This is Your Story.
This is Our Story.

This year, Berkey will join other congregations in using scriptures from the Narrative Lectionary for Sunday morning worship services. The Narrative Lectionary is simply a four-year schedule of scriptures readings. On Sundays from September through May, we will read and reflect on texts following the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation to the early church.

Why?

The Narrative Lectionary is a tool for Christian formation. One of the challenges that all congregations face is equipping each generation with a sense of the biblical story as a whole. When we know this story and our place in it, we can draw on its wisdom for being and living Christ's love in the world. The Narrative Lectionary texts show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite us to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith.

What can we expect?

In one sense, our individual worship services will feel the same. However, the scriptures we'll have before us each week will build on each other, enabling us to delve more deeply into them and to make broader connections. Each fall, scheduled readings begin with a Creation story and then move sequentially through the Old Testament. During Advent, they focus on the prophets, anticipating the coming of the Messiah. From Christmas through Easter, the scriptures follow a single gospel and reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Then, from Easter until Pentecost, we will focus on the early church through scriptures from Acts and the epistles.

(See other side for scripture readings from September through December.)

August – December 2022

<u>September 4</u>	Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12, 9:8-17	Flood and Promise
<u>September 18</u>	Genesis 12:1-9	Call of Abraham
<u>September 25</u>	Genesis 39:1-23	Joseph in Prison
<u>October 2</u>	Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29	Rescue at the Sea
<u>October 9</u>	Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17	Covenant and Commandments
<u>October 16</u>	Joshua 24:1-15 (16-26)	Joshua Renews the Covenant
<u>October 23</u>	2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9, Psalm 51:1-9	David and Bathsheba
<u>October 30</u>	1 Kings 3:4-9 (10-15), 16-28	Solomon's Wisdom
<u>November 6</u>	2 Kings 5:1-15a	Elisha Heals Naaman
<u>November 13</u>	Micah (1:3-5); 5:2-5a; 6:6-8	Micah
<u>November 20</u>	Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; then 2:1-4	Swords into Ploughshares
<u>November 27</u>	Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; (3:3b-6), 3:17-19	Faith as a Way of Life
<u>December 4</u>	Esther 4:1-17	Esther
<u>December 11</u>	Isaiah 42:1-9	Light to the Nations
<u>December 18</u>	Matthew 1:18-25	Jesus as Immanuel
<u>December 25</u>	Luke 2:1-20	Birth of Jesus