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Dear Friends,

As we enter the Season of Advent, I share with you below words from Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945).

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of his Martyrdom.

This advent I will be sharing many more reflections from this witness to our faith.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Leonard Hummel

The Advent season is a season of Waiting. Jesus stands at the door knocking (Rev. 3:20). In total reality, he comes in the form of the beggar, of the dissolute human child in ragged clothes, asking for help. He confronts you in every person that you meet.

As long as there are people, Christ will walk the earth as your neighbor, as the one through whom God calls you, speaks to you, makes demands on you. That is the great seriousness and great blessedness of the Advent message. Christ is standing at the door; he lives in the form of a human being among us. Do you want to close the door or open it?

The Advent season is a season of waiting, but our whole life is an Advent season, that is, a season of waiting for the last Advent, for the time when there will be a new heaven and a new earth.