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Liturgical Date: Year A, “Feast of St Francis”, October 4th, 2020

Presenter: Rev Simon Hansford

Focus Reading: Psalm 121, Matthew 11:25-30

Message: “The God Who Attends” (9 minutes)

Discussion Starters:

- 1 Did something Simon said strike you as surprising, or unusual?
- 2 When you think of “paying attention” in your faith, what does that mean for you?
- 3 If we follow a God who “attends”, how will that affect aspects of our church life – how we speak and act and pray?
- 4 In this season of COVID 19, what will it look like to live out a story of God who is with us, particularly when people feel isolated and unsure about the days ahead?

Other Readings for the Day

Matthew 11:25-30 Jesus’ parable of the children in the marketplace juxtaposes his ministry with that of John the Baptist and the response each received. His call is to newness of heart and life.

Psalm 121 The images of the psalm promise guidance and safety, especially for travellers: surefootedness, shade, and a sentinel who “won’t fall asleep on the job.”

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All Age Message: Lorraine Pepper - St Francis of Assisi **St Francis of Assisi:**

We hear the story of Francis and his life growing up in a wealthy family in Assisi in Northern Italy. After joining the army, he sought to find a meaning for his life and he heard a call from God and was called to follow the teachings of Jesus. He served the poorest of people and was drawn to nature and adopted all creatures as brothers and sisters

Other Resources: **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 121 page 339

About Simon:

I am currently the Moderator of the Synod of NSW and the ACT, following almost 30 years of rural and regional ministry in the Synod (Dubbo, Queanbeyan, New England North West Presbytery and Tamworth Southside). I live on a small property in Hallsville in the New England North West, with Fiona, and a few sheep and some chooks; in the order of things, our Labrador Argus, is pre-eminent.

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