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Waiting for the Light

[John 1, 6-8](#)

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ This man came for a witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. NKJV

Almost everyone can remember a time of stressful waiting.

Being in a waiting room for surgery or an Intensive Care unit in a hospital, crowded with people, all there - waiting. Each time the door to that seemingly sacred space is opened and someone came out, all eyes turned to see who it was – and whose name would be called.

Feeling like you are being kept in the dark.

The people of Israel were waiting – as they had been for generations. Their religious leaders had been promising a Messiah – someone to come and relieve their suffering.

Someone who would to bring them a light in the darkness – a sense of peace.

When you enter a dark place, nerves tense and, trying to find your way, you seek a light. Maybe you pull out your cell phone and use the flashlight on it to find the switch to turn on the light?

When you are in that waiting room – nerves on edge, every time the door opened you look – was it your doctor? Did they call your name or that of your loved one?

John the Baptist has been born to bring news of the coming of the Light of the world. John is to be that guiding light, until Jesus -- the Light of the World -- was ready to Proclaim the Peace of the Good News. The Way of loving to all who would listen.

As the people of Christ, we are to be that guiding light, leading people out of the darkness of unknowing, to know Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

Prayer: *Gracious and loving God, we come to you today with the gift of knowing Jesus Christ. Give us strength and energy to be a candle – a guiding light in the darkness to Proclaim Peace and bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to even one person struggling in the darkness. Amen*

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