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Children's Sermon

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Strange to say that but it is a new year for the church. Advent Sunday is New Year Sunday.

New year in January people sometimes make New Year's resolutions. They resolve to change something that they do. Anybody here made a resolution? What was it?

Today's collect says we will cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. What does that mean?

Today we are going to baptize Conner Jackson and during the service all of us are going to join in and affirm our baptismal covenant. It is appropriate that both on this day of our New Year we make our baptismal covenant a New Year resolution and also on this day we cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Let me explain.

In the covenant we state what we believe and then we say how our conduct, the way we live our life, will reflect what we say we believe.

And all that we do we say it will be with God's help.

Today is an important day for Conner but it is also very important for all of us as we are asked to make some New Year resolution about how we live our lives.

Amen.

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