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Waiting on God:
An Interfaith Conversation
facilitated by Rabbi Marcia Prager,
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The expectant waiting at the core of Quaker practice is an important element in all of the Abrahamic traditions – Jewish, Christian, and Muslim. At this fallow time of the year -- Advent in the Christian liturgical calendar – we gather together as people of faith(s) to explore how focal figures in each of the Abrahamic traditions (Mary, David, and the Prophet Muhammad) can illuminate our own spiritual experiences of “Waiting on God.” Three facilitators, one from each of the three traditions, and experienced in interfaith conversations will guide us as we seek together to deepen our listening, open our hearts to hear and accept the message God has for us, and ready the spiritual soil for nurturing the gift to maturity.

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