

Monday digest

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New today from the *Century*:

- Barbara Brown Taylor on the [redeeming darkness](#) of Advent: "Darkness does not come from a different place than light; it is not presided over by a different God." (subscription required)
- Bill Goettler [blogs the lectionary](#): "Sometimes I want to pretend that there are no more prophets, that the prophetic word is locked into the biblical era. But then I'm reminded of the guy on my own porch."
- Steve Thorngate on the [new Muppets movie](#): "Years ago I cringed when I saw that the *Onion* sells a t-shirt with the slogan, 'I appreciate the Muppets on a much deeper level than you.' My friend John and I had just been discussing the Muppets' sly use of metafictional elements."

In the news:

- [Pope Benedict XVI slapped with charges for not wearing seat belt](#)
- [Pope: Others should be held to same abuse 'standards'](#)
- [Tunisia a test for what 'moderate' Islam looks like](#)
- [Faith groups in Kenya seek to strengthen HIV/AIDS strategies](#)