

ADVENT CALENDAR 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 Worship</p> <p>Advent 1</p> <p>What word or words from worship today have found a home in your heart? Share these words with a friend or family member.</p>	<p>30 Go</p> <p>Take time to listen closely to someone you may not ordinarily take seriously or someone with a different perspective than you. Pray that you hear this person as God does.</p>	<p>1 Learn</p> <p>Read Luke 1:30. What are you afraid of that keeps you from saying “yes” to God?</p>	<p>2 Pray</p> <p>Set a timer for three minutes. Silently repeat this prayer – “Here I am, God” – until time is up.</p>	<p>3 Bless</p> <p>The angel blessed Mary with the gift of presence. To whom can you give the gift of presence this week?</p>	<p>4 Turn</p> <p>In giving generously, St. Nicholas turned from a sense of scarcity to a posture of abundance. From what do you need to turn in order to be generous of heart?</p>	<p>5 Rest</p> <p>From what could you rest in order to receive renewed life? Find that rest today, and do it for as long as you are able.</p>
<p>6 Worship</p> <p>Advent 2</p> <p>What part of gathering for worship fills your heart with hope?</p>	<p>7 Go</p> <p>Read or watch your local news. Where is reconciliation needed? Pray for healing.</p>	<p>8 Learn</p> <p>Read Luke 1:45. Consider how your faith is a blessing. Share your faith story with a friend.</p>	<p>9 Pray</p> <p>Offer a prayer of thanks for each person you encounter – both stranger and friend – silently or aloud.</p>	<p>10 Bless</p> <p>Call or write a family member with whom you desire a closer relationship. Share with this person how they are a blessing.</p>	<p>11 Turn</p> <p>Reflect: Where have I fallen short this week? How can I make amends? Give thanks for the gift of fresh starts that we have through God’s grace.</p>	<p>12 Rest</p> <p>Set aside 30 minutes to rest, pause, and breathe deeply with a friend or family member. Give thanks for the restorative power of love in relationship.</p>
<p>13 Worship</p> <p>Advent 3</p> <p>Pray for each person as they receive Communion. Imagine whom you would like to see at church next week. Invite that person to join you.</p>	<p>14 Go</p> <p>Today, choose to take a different route to work, to school, or to play. Whom or what did you encounter differently?</p>	<p>15 Learn</p> <p>Read Luke 1:64. When Zechariah could finally speak, he began by praising God. For what can you praise God? Share on social media or with a friend.</p>	<p>16 Pray</p> <p>Keep a lookout for anyone who might seem lonely, stressed, or sad. Offer this simple invitation: “May I pray for you?” Then offer prayers – silently or aloud – on the person’s behalf as you move through your day.</p>	<p>17 Bless</p> <p>Identify a blessing you have that you could give away. Share this blessing with your church, a local ministry, or your community.</p>	<p>18 Turn</p> <p>Turn away from the busyness of the week and turn toward someone who gives you life or to whom you give life. Give thanks.</p>	<p>19 Rest</p> <p>In Genesis 1-2, God calls the creation “good” and rests. What can you proclaim to be “good” instead of “not enough” as a witness to God’s love for the world today?</p>
<p>20 Worship</p> <p>Advent 4</p> <p>Linger before leaving worship today. Ask God to prepare and send you on a journey into the world to witness to God’s love.</p>	<p>21 Go</p> <p>Go out into your neighborhood today. Where do you see God at work? What attributes of God’s love are visible? Ask God to show you how you can celebrate and join in that love.</p>	<p>22 Learn</p> <p>Read Luke 2:8-10. When has God surprised you? Share with a friend.</p>	<p>23 Pray</p> <p>Set aside a time today to pray for others. Include three minutes of intentional silence, asking God to speak to you.</p>	<p>24 Bless</p> <p>If you are gathering with others today, take turns naming a way the person on your right or left has blessed you.</p>	<p>25 Turn</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> <p>Read Luke 1-2. Give thanks for the birth of the Christ-child. Pray that you may follow Christ Jesus on his Way of Love with your whole heart, mind, body, and spirit.</p>	