

ADVENT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Worship Advent 1 Pay attention during worship. What part of the gathering fills your heart?	3 Go Take time to listen closely to someone you may not ordinarily take seriously, or who has a different perspective than you.	4 Learn Read Luke 1:26-38. What is God calling you to say "yes" to?	5 Pray Set a timer for five minutes. Silently repeat this prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus."	6 Bless In the spirit of St. Nicholas, practice a random act of kindness today.	7 Turn Reflect: Where have I fallen short this week? How can I make amends?	8 Rest Do something that replenishes your spirit.
9 Worship Advent 2 What word or words from worship today have found a home in your heart? Share these words with someone close to you.	10 Go Choose to take a different route to work, to school, or to play today. Who or what did you encounter differently?	11 Learn Read Luke 1:39-56. Tell a friend or family member about your practice of the Way of Love and invite them to join you.	12 Pray Join a family member or friend for 10 minutes for prayer, either in person or by phone.	13 Bless Call or write a family member with whom you desire a closer relationship. Tell them what they mean to you. Ask how you can pray for them.	14 Turn Turn away from the busyness of the week and turn toward someone who gives you life or to whom you give life. Give thanks.	15 Rest On this day of rest, pause and breathe deeply with a friend or family member. Give thanks for the restorative power of love.
16 Worship Advent 3 Pray for each person as they receive communion. Imagine who you would like to see at church next week. Invite them to church today.	17 Go Read or watch your local news. Where is reconciliation needed? Pray for healing.	18 Learn Read Luke 1:57-80. Name three ways your faith community challenges you to practice the Way of Love. Share your list with a member of your community.	19 Pray Gather with your faith community for a short time of prayer today.	20 Bless Identify a blessing you have that you could give away. Then share this blessing with your church, a local ministry, or your community.	21 Turn Read the Confession (BCP 352) in an unfamiliar location - in the park, at work, at school, or on the bus. What does the prayer inspire you to turn from in that location? What does it inspire you to turn toward?	22 Rest How can you or your community open yourselves to people in need of rest and relief from overwork? From oppression? From violence?
23 Worship Advent 4 Linger before leaving worship today. Ask God to prepare and send you to go out into the world to witness to God's love.	24 Go Notice and pray for all those who, like Mary and Joseph, are in need of shelter.	25 Learn Christmas Day 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.				