ADVENT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Advent I What word or words from worship today have found a home in your heart? Share these words with a friend or family member.	Take time to listen closely to someone you may not ordinarily take seriously, or who has a different perspective than you. Pray to hear them as God hears them.	Read Luke 1:30. What are you afraid of that keeps you from saying "yes" to God?	4 Pray Set a timer for three minutes. Silently repeat this prayer: "Here I am, God."	5 Bless The angel blessed Mary with the gift of presence. To whom can you give the gift of presence this week?	6 Turn In giving generously, St. Nicholas turned from a sense of scarcity to a posture of abundance. What do you need to turn from in order to be generous of heart?	From what could you rest ir order to receive renewed life? Take as long as you are able to find that rest today.
8 Worship Advent 2 What part of gathering for worship fills your heart with hope?	9 Go Read or watch your local news.Where is reconciliation needed? Pray for healing.	Read Luke 1:45. Consider how your faith is a blessing. Share your faith story with a friend.	Offer a prayer of thanks for each person you encounter – both stranger and friend – silently or aloud.	Call or write a family member with whom you desire a closer relationship. Share with them how they are a blessing.	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.	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.
Advent 3 Pray for each person as they receive communion. Imagine who you would like to see at church next week. Invite them to join you.	Choose to take a different route to work, to school, or to play today. Who or what did you encounter differently?	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.	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 their behalf as you move through your day.	I Bless Identify a blessing you have that you could give away. Share this blessing with your church, a local ministry, or your community.	20 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.	In Genesis I-2, God calls the creation "good" and rests. What can you proclain to be "good" instead of "not enough" as a witness to God's love for the world today?
22 Worship Advent 4 Linger before leaving worship today. Ask God to prepare and send you on a journey into the world to witness to God's love	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 that love.	24 Learn Read Luke 2:8- 10.When has God surprised you? Share with a friend.	Christmas Day Read Luke I-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.			