

The First Sunday of Advent

Love

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and we light the first candle to remind us of GOD'S LOVE.

God knew before the beginning of time that when he created us we would turn away from him and choose to go our own way. But God loved us enough to create us anyway; to form each one of us as a unique individual, each one precious and perfect in his eyes. He chose our eye and hair colour the shape of our nose and our talents and desires. He also created a plan to bring us back to him. He sent his only Son Jesus to die in our place so we could have a relationship with Him. God knew before the beginning of time that he would send the first Christmas present. What greater expression of love could there be?

John 3 16 -- For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Monday

[Ephesians 1:3-14](#) - We are part of God's Plan

Tuesday

[Psalm 139](#) - We are fearfully and wonderfully made

Wednesday

[Romans 5:8](#) - God's Gift

Thursday

[Titus 3:5](#) - We don't have to earn eternal life

Friday

[Ephesians 2:8-9](#) - God's Grace

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

Saturday

[John 15:12-14](#) - You Are God's Friend

The Second Sunday of Advent

Peace

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we light the second candle to remind us of GOD'S PEACE.

In this crazy time of the year with presents to buy, decorations to get up Christmas pageants and parties to go to we need to take time to discover God's peace.

What is God's Peace? It's taking the time to realize that Christmas is about Jesus and not about getting the right present. It's about taking time to be quiet with family even if that means saying no to a party. It's taking time to read our bibles, pray and sing Christmas carols even if they are off key and praising God for His gift of Jesus. It's realizing that God is in control and we do not have to worry. God will not let anything happen that He can't get us through.

Isaiah 9:6&7 "For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end."

Monday

[Matthew 6:25-34](#) - You don't need to worry

Tuesday

[Philippians 4:6-7](#) - Pray with Thanksgiving

Wednesday

[Isaiah 26:3](#) - Perfect Peace

Thursday

[Isaiah 48:17-18](#) - Let God teach you

Friday

[Colossians 3:15](#) - Let the Peace of Christ rule

Saturday

[John 14:27](#) - Jesus gives us peace

The Third Sunday of Advent

Joy

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and we light the Third candle. It will remind us of GOD'S gift of JOY.

Joy isn't connected to happiness. We can be broken and still feel joy. We can find joy in knowing that God loves us and is caring for us. We can rejoice in the Lord because as bad as things may seem right now we know that God is working it out for good. God is full of joy and laughter. He loves to see us having fun and fellowshiping together. He wants to be part of the fun and be included in the things we do.

Will we include Him in our celebration of Christmas?

Philippians 4:4—Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice

Monday

[Habakkuk 3:17-19](#) - No matter what, rejoice

Tuesday

[Psalm 118:24](#) - Rejoice and be glad

Wednesday

[Psalm 33](#) - Praise God

Thursday

[Psalm 5:11-12](#) - Take refuge in Him and be glad

Friday

[Psalm 149:1-5](#) - Let us rejoice in our maker

Saturday

[Psalm 28:7](#) - Leap for joy over what God has done

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Hope

Today we light the Fourth candle of Advent. It is to remind us of GOD'S GIFT of HOPE.

This world can be overwhelming with war, crime, disease, loneliness heartache, pain, and stress. We can feel lost and confused as we try to understand what we are to do and how to get through it all. But God gave us hope at Christmas. God tells us that it will not always be like this that Jesus will come again to take us to heaven to live with him in a place he created just for us where there are no more tears, pain, or disease; no war crime or poverty.

There is something to HOPE for, to live in expectation of, because God doesn't break promises so he won't break this. And until then God won't let anything happen today that he can't get us through. Live in HOPE
Psalm 33:20-22—We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us,. O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

Monday

[Isaiah 40:28-31](#) - Soar on wing of Eagles

Tuesday

[John 14:1-4](#) - Jesus is preparing a place for us

Wednesday

[Psalm 130](#) - Keep watch for the Lord

Thursday

[Isaiah 43:2-3](#) - What ever happens he will be with us

Friday

[2 Peter 3:8-15](#) - It may seem to be taking a long time but....

Saturday

[Romans 15:13](#) - God of Hope

Christmas Day read the [Christmas Story](#).