

Advent Prayer Adventures 2020



Our church has distributed Family Advent Adventures to families with young children. We would like to join together with our younger families to journey together on this **advent adventure**. Each Sunday we celebrate a different aspect of Jesus' first advent (29 Hope, 6 Love, 13 Joy, 20 Peace, 24 Christ). Please read the Scriptures for each of these days and **spend time in prayer** – reflecting, rejoicing and re-orienting yourself to celebrating Jesus this Christmas Season.

Sunday November 29 **Hope:** We can have hope because God is always with us. (Isaiah 7:14, Matt 1:23)

- Hope for our **country to know Jesus** in the days of COVID.
- Hope for people suffering due to **economic hardship**.
- Hope for seniors who are suffering with **isolation** in long term care institutions.

Sunday December 6 **Love:** We are loved by God's unconditional, never-ending, always and forever love. (Matt 1:21)

- Love of God to be seen by family members **who don't know Jesus** as Savior.
- Love of God to be expressed between people who **need forgiveness and healing** of relationships.
- Love of God to be a draw for people **to come together** and worship during Christmas time.

Sunday December 13 **Joy:** Joy comes by knowing that God loves us no matter what happens. (Luke 2:8-15)

- Joy to be found in the wonderful treasure of Jesus Christ's **gift of Salvation** for all people.
- Joy to be given to people in hardship this year who are struggling with **poverty**.
- Joy to be felt through giving to others **kindness, thoughtfulness and time**.

Sunday December 20 **Peace:** Jesus fixed our broken relationship with God and restored peace between us. (Isaiah 9:6)

- Peace to be found **in forgiving those** who have harmed, hurt and harassed.
- Peace to be found in a **rested faith filled mind** in the midst of COVID problems.
- Peace to be **found in sleep and time with family and friends** despite keeping to COVID restrictions.

Thursday December 24 **Christ:** Let's celebrate Jesus. (Luke 2)

- Jesus incarnation was **in humility** – God took on human flesh in the weakest manner possible.
- Jesus is Emmanuel – **“God with us.”**
- Jesus is the Light of the world – showing us true **life, joy, peace, love and hope**.