Advent Calendar 2026

Growing in Hope, Practicing Generosity, Strengthening Invitation

November 29 – December 24, 2026

Advent invites us to prepare our hearts, nurture relationships, share generously, and create spaces of belonging. As we journey toward Christmas, each small act of kindness, invitation, and stewardship helps us live into the hopeful future God is calling us into. Each day offers one simple action and a short prayer. Participate individually, as a family, or as a community of faith.

Week One: Hope – November 29 to December 5

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent
Action: Share one reason you feel hopeful about your community of faith.
Prayer: God of hope, help us recognize new possibilities. Amen.

November 30
Action: Reach out to someone you have not connected with recently.
Prayer: Loving God, nurture our relationships. Amen.

December 1
Action: Invite a neighbour to an Advent or Christmas gathering.
Prayer: God of welcome, open our hearts to others. Amen.

December 2
Action: Thank someone who generously shares their time.
Prayer: Gracious God, bless those who serve. Amen.

December 3
Action: Pray for a community of faith exploring new possibilities.
Prayer: God of courage, inspire faithful new beginnings. Amen.

December 4
Action: Share an encouraging message with someone.
Prayer: God of kindness, may our words bring hope. Amen.

December 5
Action: Celebrate one way your church connects with neighbours.
Prayer: God of possibility, strengthen our invitation. Amen.

Week Two: Peace – December 6 to 12

December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent
Action: Welcome someone by name and begin a conversation.
Prayer: God of peace, deepen our connections. Amen.

December 7
Action: Listen attentively to someone's story.
Prayer: Listening God, teach us understanding. Amen.

December 8
Action: Support a local food bank or community outreach program.
Prayer: Generous God, guide us in sharing. Amen.

December 9
Action: Offer encouragement to a church leader or volunteer.
Prayer: God of strength, renew those who lead. Amen.

December 10
Action: Practice kindness toward someone whose experience differs from yours.
Prayer: God of belonging, strengthen our compassion. Amen.

December 11
Action: Pray for peace in your neighbourhood and throughout the world.
Prayer: God of peace, guide our steps toward justice. Amen.

December 12
Action: Consider one new way your church could welcome neighbours.
Prayer: Creative God, inspire our imagination. Amen.

Week Three: Joy – December 13 to 19

December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent
Action: Share a joyful memory of your community of faith.
Prayer: God of joy, fill our hearts with gratitude. Amen.

December 14
Action: Invite someone to share coffee, tea, or conversation.
Prayer: Welcoming God, bless our gatherings. Amen.

December 15
Action: Give a small gift or contribution to someone in need.
Prayer: Generous God, grow our spirit of sharing. Amen.

December 16
Action: Celebrate a gift or talent someone brings to your church.
Prayer: Creator God, help every gift flourish. Amen.

December 17
Action: Share an Advent invitation with someone beyond your congregation.
Prayer: God of invitation, help us extend belonging. Amen.

December 18
Action: Thank someone whose generosity strengthens your community.
Prayer: Faithful God, deepen our gratitude. Amen.

December 19
Action: Explore one small step toward growth in the coming year.
Prayer: God of new beginnings, guide our next steps. Amen.

Week Four: Love – December 20 to 24

December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Action: Offer a personal invitation to Christmas Eve worship.
Prayer: God of love, help us welcome everyone. Amen.

December 21
Action: Contact someone experiencing loneliness or isolation.
Prayer: Compassionate God, may your love be felt. Amen.

December 22
Action: Reflect on how your gifts, time, and resources support ministry.
Prayer: Generous God, guide our faithful stewardship. Amen.

December 23
Action: Thank those preparing Christmas worship and community gatherings.
Prayer: Loving God, bless every act of service. Amen.

December 24 – Christmas Eve
Action: Extend a warm welcome and share the good news of Christ's birth.
Prayer: Emmanuel, God with us, may your love and light shine through us. Amen.

As we celebrate Advent, may every invitation strengthen belonging, every generous act nurture hope, and every new connection help our communities of faith grow in love and service.

Together, we are living into Toward 2035, discovering the new possibilities God places before us, one faithful step at a time.

With Advent hope and blessings,

Sharon