PRAYER JOURNAL

₹ THIRD CHURCH

ADVENT JOURNEY

A LIVING FAITHFULNESS IN HIS STORY

Advent marks a holy invitation: to journey alongside Mary, Zechariah, Elizabeth, the shepherds, and all who waited for Jesus in the opening of the Gospel of Luke. The story of Christ's coming is more than history—it is God's living faithfulness, echoing through the generations and calling each person into His family.

Advent invites us into the extraordinary reality of being part of God's eternal family in the story of redemption that unfolds not only in the pages of Scripture, but in our daily lives.

AN INVITATION

As our Third Church family journeys through this season together, we invite you to listen, remember, and write your part of this story in holy anticipation, trusting that God's faithfulness meets us in both the stillness and the complexity of everyday life as we reflect on His work among us.

These prompts are an interactive tool to help you reflect on your place in God's story, drawing you to deeper awareness of His love and the hope that is yours. As you use this journal, let Luke 1–2:19 guide your reflections. Follow the Holy Spirit's lead on what He wants to reveal, drawing you to savor God's love and faithfulness. Spend time writing your part in His ongoing story so that you can see and share His story this Christmas!

A GUIDE TO REFLECTIVE WRITING

- 1. Just because there are specific questions to prompt your writing, it doesn't mean you have to answer each one—this is not a quiz or a test. Follow the Holy Spirit's leading and write what feels right and true.
- 2. Listen for words that bring Hope. Ask yourself, does this sound like love?
- 3. Slow down and savor this time of faithful remembrance.



WEEK ONE

EVERY+ONE EVERY DAY

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 1:5-25

God's story begins in two very ordinary lives: Zechariah and Elizabeth. A couple who is upright but longing as they hold onto promise with quiet joy and gratitude.





What does being a part of God's family mean for you in times of waiting or longing?

What are ways you've witnessed God's presence disrupt your daily routine to bring hope?

What moment this year most revealed God's faithfulness to you?





WEEK TWO

HELPING*ONE ANOTHER

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 1:26-38

Mary demonstrates a humble reception to the Lord's call, and she rejoices! That rejoicing includes sharing her miraculous story with others.



REFLECTIONS

Is there a time when sharing your story brought courage or joy to others?

How does telling or hearing stories of God's work help you trust Him more deeply?





WEEK THREE

LIFE-GIVING FREEDOM

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 1:46-56

A song of remembering, hope, and mighty deeds.

Praise poured out to God that brings freedom and peace.





REFLECTIONS

Pause and pray: What word, phrase, or picture of hope/love arises in your heart from this Advent Season?
Who can you share that with?

What are your current hopes and longings? Where might God be inviting you to wait... and trust in His faithfulness?



WEEK FOUR

IN*JESUS

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 1:57-2:19

God's faithfulness breaks through with the birth of Jesus.



REFLECTIONS

What moment(s) this year reminded you of God's promise fulfilled (like Mary, Zechariah, and Elizabeth)?

When has God spoken to you in a dark or difficult circumstance?

Have you experienced God's love this Advent Season?

What has that meant or changed in your life?



