




The First Sunday of Advent
“The Advent of Love”

The Second Sunday of Advent
“The Advent of Hope”

The Third Sunday of Advent
“The Advent of Peace”

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
“The Advent of King”

Christmas Eve (evening)
“The Advent of Joy”

A night sky filled with stars and a bright star in the upper left corner. A beam of light shines down from the star towards a small cabin on a hillside in the foreground. The background features rolling mountains under a dark blue sky.

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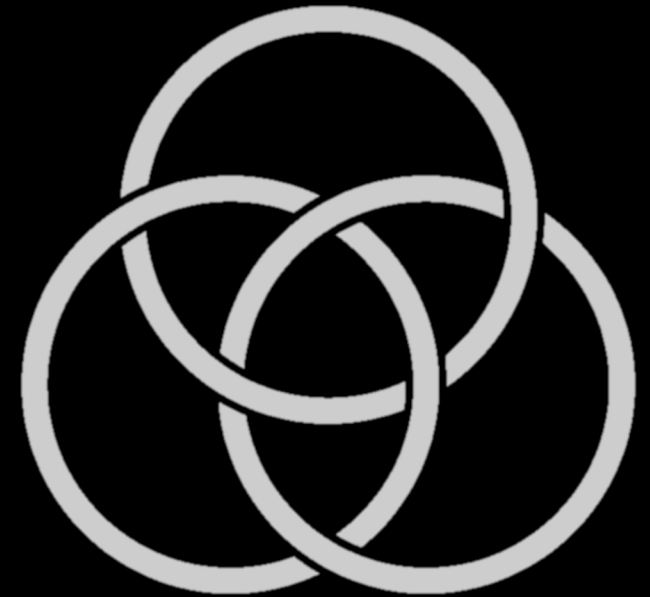
John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.

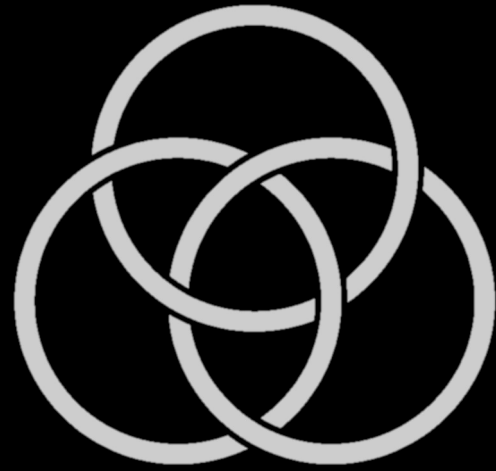
“...The living, dynamic activity of love has been going on in God forever and has created everything else. And that, by the way, is perhaps the most important difference between Christianity and all other religions: that in Christianity God is not an impersonal thing nor a static thing — not even just one person — but a dynamic pulsating activity, a life, a kind of drama, almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a **kind of dance.**”

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

PeriChoresis Dance + Around



1 John 4:8
...God is love.



Genesis 1:26, 2:18

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

2:18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Looking for Love

GIFTS

We “feel” loved when our top love language is being used.

TIME

The order of our languages changes over time.

WORDS

We tend to love others the way WE want to be loved.

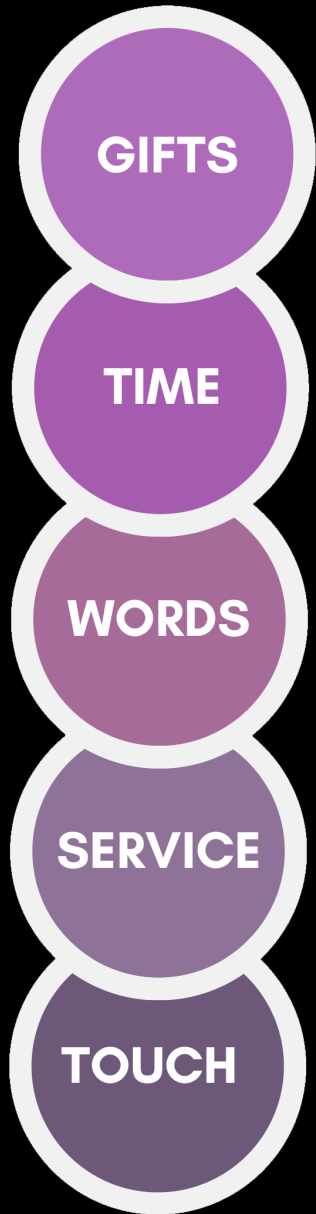
SERVICE

We secretly fear that we aren't lovable.

TOUCH

It's Never Enough

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Matthew 1:23

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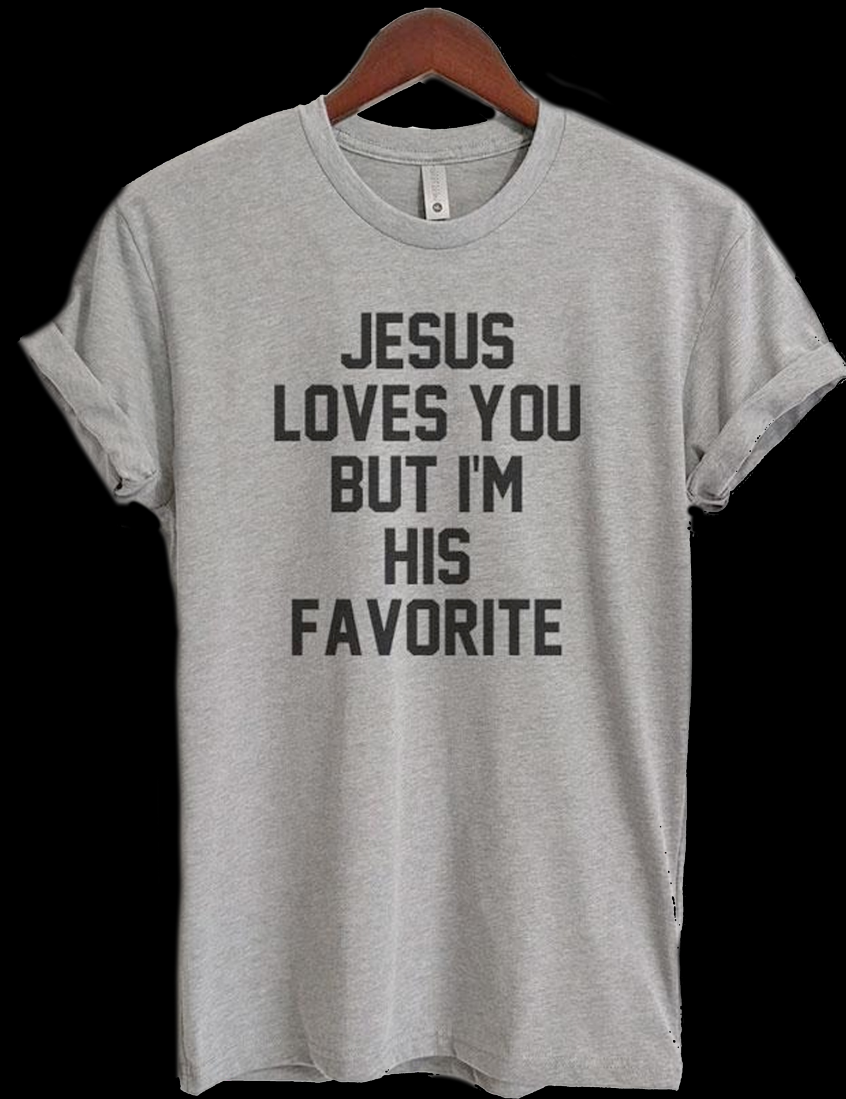
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Words

Matthew 3:17
...and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



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Love Flows

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Love for His Name

...in serving the saints

Community of The Beloved

1 John 4:11

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Gospel Response

Know Your Beloved

Know You're Beloved

Love Your Beloved

Benediction

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my *beloved* brothers,
be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Please join us up front after worship if you'd like for us to pray with you