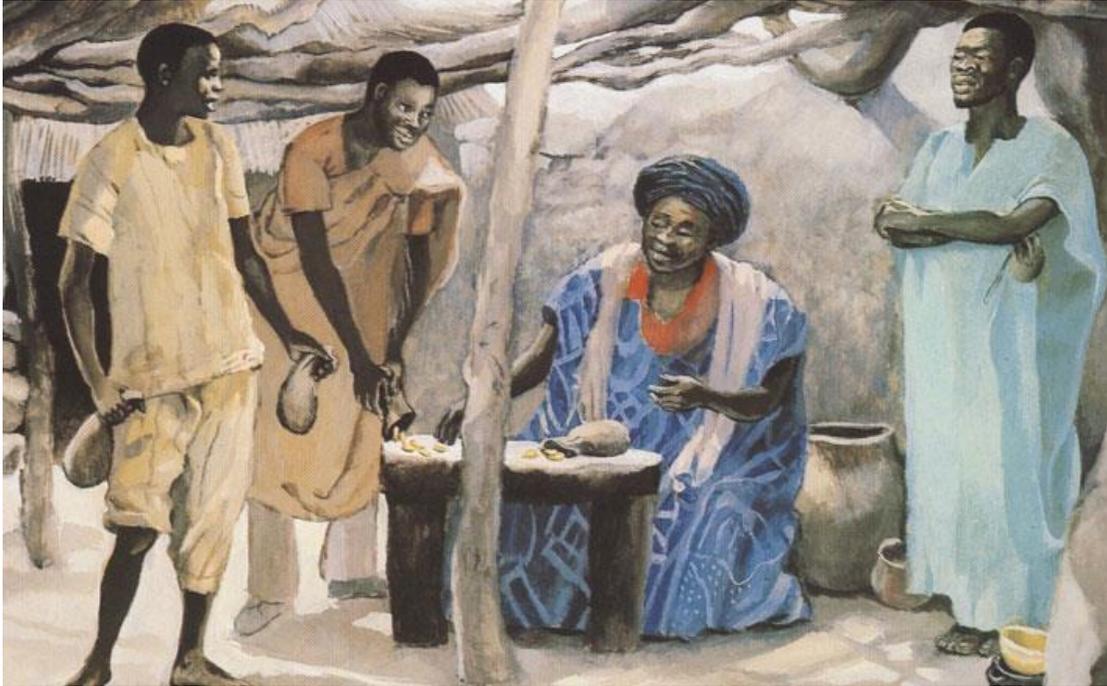


Grace Episcopal Church



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m.

November 15, 2020

HOLY EUCHARIST

ORGAN PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Please stand as you are able

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 1:7,12-18

Please be seated

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-12 (SPOKEN IN UNISON)

O God, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

Our iniquities you have set before you *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

Who regards the power of your wrath; *
who rightly fears your indignation?

So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

THE SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14-30

Please stand as you are able

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Presider: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

THE REVEREND DR. BRIAN WILBERT

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand or kneel as you are able

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Arthur and William, our bishops; for Brian, our priest;
and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own intercessions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Together: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise;
that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

(Hebrews 13:15-16)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Please be seated

*All things are thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
And hence with grateful hearts today,
Thine own before thy feet we lay.*

PRESENTATION OF ALMS AND OBLATIONS

"All things come of thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee"

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please stand or kneel as you are able

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Please be seated

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the bread of communion, or to refrain from receiving.
If you choose to receive the bread,
please keep your mask on and maintain safe distance as you come forward.

*If you choose not to receive the consecrated bread today,
or are unable to do so because you are worshipping via live-stream, we offer this prayer.
It comes to us from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services
and is used by those whose military service prevents them from joining a eucharistic celebration.
May you know the blessing of our connectedness and find peace.*

MUSIC MEDITATIONS

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving.
I remember your death, Lord Christ;
I proclaim your resurrection;
I await your coming in glory.
Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,
and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Presider: Let us pray.

Together: **Almighty and everliving God,**

**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Please be seated

BLESSING

Please stand as you are able

Presider: Life is short and we do not have too much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So be swift to love and make haste to be kind.
And now, the Wisdom of God,
the Love of God,
and the Grace of God,
strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
and the blessing of God, Holy Trinity,
be upon you this day and always.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

SUNDAY SERVERS

Lector:	Jo Pankow
Livestreaming/Powerpoint:	Jeff Fowler
Organist:	Randy Ruthsatz
Altar Guild:	Ellen Mettert

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God,
with gratitude for the Blessings of daughters Emily, Caroline, and Laura
by Sue Cloak*

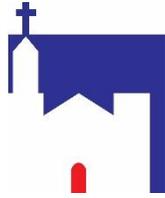
Sunday Servers for November 22nd

Lector:	Ellen Mettert
Livestreaming/Powerpoint:	Jeff Fowler
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Randall Ruthsatz, Organist/Choirmaster
Debbie Chase, Parish Administrator
Tim Morrow, Sexton
Elaine Howey, Assistant Sexton

Vestry Members
Barby Gravengaard – Sr. Warden
Jeff Fowler – Jr. Warden
Terrin Schnee – Clerk
Ellen Mettert – Member-at-Large
Laura Bates
Katie Crum
Scott Fais
Jim Hart
Bruce Miller

The Ministers:
All the Members of Grace Church

Sunday, November 15 th	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, November 19	5:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting via Zoom
Saturday, November 21 st	4:30 p.m.	Outreach Community Free Meal (until 5pm)

Our prayers have been asked for

Alexander Lawson Family, Alicia, Barb, Beth, Betty & Mike, Betty B., Bobbie Jean, Bobbie K., Bruce, Caine & Owen, Dan & Sue, Darlene, David, Elissa, Greg E., Harold, Jim, JoAnn & Paul, Joesa & Neill, Karen, Kate, Lexi, Lois, Maralyn, Mary, Mary Lu, Matthew, Matthew S., Mel, Mia, Michael, Mike, Shelly & Derrick, Nancy, Nathan, Rena, Ron & Alice, Ron & Rene, Sharron, Skylar, Steve & Kathy, Wayne, and Wendy

Pray for those who have died, especially
Laura Ashleigh Newkirk (May 3, 2020)

Those Who Serve and Protect

Ted Bertsch
Cameron Brace
Chris Cheek
Sam Freeman
Adam Hagelberger
Joel Hagy
Craig Lambert

Vance Lambert
Brian Michael Laws
Luke Lipomi
Marcus Mettert
Vincent Parenti-Herner
Matthew Poeschl

Kevin Poyer
Sean Poyer
Dr. Amy Reese
Cameron Scholl
Jamison Shriver
Jacob Tetzloff
Matt Trautman

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the North Central Mission Area

St. Paul's Church, Bellevue
St. Andrew's Church, Elyria

St. Paul's Church, Fremont
Christ Church, Huron

LIVESTREAMING AND YOU: Want to learn something new? Want to receive FREE training on an exciting technology right at Grace Church. JOIN THE LIVESTREAM CREW! Contact Jeff Fowler at (419)602-2993 or e-mail fowlerja56@gmail.com

OUTREACH COMMUNITY MEAL: Our Community Meal this month is **Saturday, November 21st**. During this time of Covid, we have been serving carry-out meals between 4:30pm and 5pm. Donations of fresh fruit and desserts are always needed and appreciated (donations of these items help keep the cost of the meal down). Items can be dropped off at the church during the week (8am-3pm) or the day of the meal after 3pm. We are always looking for cooks to prepare the meals. If interested, or have questions, please contact Lisa Fowler (lisa.fowler@bex.net or 419-612-2993).

Our Christmas Outreach ~ The Erie County Juvenile Justice Center

Members of the Outreach Committee have designated the Erie County Juvenile Justice Center as our Christmas outreach recipient again this year. They are so appreciative to our congregation for their gifts to the children in the facility. Our gifts make a difference in their lives and hearts during the Christmas season. The following is a list suggested by their staff.

Regular or travel size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, or deodorant

(solid only- no aerosol cans)

Whitening toothpaste

Small scented lotions *(ex. Cocoa Butter lotion)*

Cantu Coconut Curling Cream

Bars of soap *(ex. Lever, Dial, Dove)*

Hairbrushes

Snacks/Candy

(no nuts, lollipop sticks or gum. They really like Combos, Oreos, Flamin' Hot Cheetos, Chocolate Rice Krispy Treats, Fruit Snacks, Little Debbie's, Skittles)

Pop Tarts *(non-traditional flavors like Hot Fudge Sundae, Cookies & Cream, S'mores)*

Meat sticks or beef jerky

Gatorade/Powerade, pop in plastic bottles

Playing cards

Stress balls

Puzzles *(no more than 500 pieces)*

Composition notebooks *(large and small, no metal binding)*

Coloring books/Activity books *(childish ones, like cartoon characters)*

DVDs rated G, PG or PG-13 *(No nudity, drug, or sexual content - new or used)*

PlayStation 4 games *(no guns, violent themes. Sports and games are fine - used)*

DVD player *(cheap is good!)*

Gift cards for McDonalds, Taco Bell, Dominos, Kroger, Big Lots



Thank you for whatever you can contribute to this project.
Lisa Fowler and Marcia Fordham can shop for items or gift cards if anyone wants to donate money.
Larger gift cards to Kroger will be used by the staff to purchase items not provided by the state for good behavior rewards.

We will collect through Thursday, December 17th.

Members of the Outreach Committee will deliver these gifts on Friday, December 18th.



BULLETIN INSERTS

November 15, 2020 – Pentecost 24(A)

Advent and Christmas Resources

New and updated Advent and Christmas resources for congregations, dioceses, and communities of faith are available, with additional resources coming soon. Available now: Preparing to Become the Beloved Community Advent curriculum; Way of Love Digital Invitation Kit; updated Journeying the Way of Love Advent calendar and curriculum; AdventWord 2020. Be sure to sign up for daily Advent and Christmas emails. Find Advent and Christmas resources from The Episcopal Church here: iam.ec/advent.

New for Advent 2020 is a five-session podcast series, *Prophetic Voices: Preaching and Teaching Beloved Community*, hosted by the Rev. Isaiah “Shaneequa” Brokenleg, Episcopal Church staff officer for Racial Reconciliation. *Prophetic Voices* explores where that dialogue intersects with faith. Join Brokenleg and invited guests as they share prophetic voices and explore the readings for each week of Advent and Christmas Day through the lens of social justice. The following resources are also available now:

Preparing to Become the Beloved Community: Revised to reflect the Year B readings, this resource features reflections by people from across The Episcopal Church who are committed to the work of fostering Beloved Communities where all people may experience dignity and abundant life and see themselves and others as beloved children of God. The Episcopal Church Racial Reconciliation Department will produce a version of the curriculum for Year C in 2021, and a version for Year A in 2022.

Journeying the Way of Love Advent curriculum and Advent calendar: A four-week Advent curriculum and Advent calendar pegged to readings and themes from the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke that incorporates Way of Love practices and the nativity/infancy narrative of Jesus.



Digital Invitation Kits for Advent and Christmas: Continuing the invitation to connect The Way of Love more deeply to the seasons of the year, these kits include customizable posters, postcard, and flyer; a social media-ready graphic; and a Facebook cover image.

#AdventWord: For the seventh year in a row, #AdventWord will gather prayers via a global, online advent calendar beginning Sunday, November 29.

Daily Advent and Christmas emails: From Advent 1 through Christmas Day, daily emails will feature the reflection from AdventWord, the daily practice from the Journeying the Way of Love Advent calendar, and a resource from The Episcopal Church. For the Twelve Days of Christmas, the newsletter will highlight one new Way of Love resource from the last year.

Watch for these resources in the coming weeks: *Sermons for Advent and Christmas* from Sermons That Work; bulletin inserts; EMM Advent Vigil; Episcopal Church Global Partnerships Global Advent Reflections; a Christmas video message; Christmas readings; and a digital Christmas card.