



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



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ABOUT THIS GUIDE



When you hear “the spirit of Christmas” what comes to mind? This Advent, let’s examine the true Spirit of Christmas--past, present and future.

At the first Christmas, the Holy Spirit was instrumental in the incarnation of Jesus, marking the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation. Today, the same Spirit works within us, nurturing our faith, guiding our actions, and cultivating hope and love—traits synonymous with the Christmas spirit. This ongoing work is not just a remembrance of the past but a vital preparation for Christ's return, encouraging us to live as a ready church. In this way, the Holy Spirit connects the historical event of Jesus's birth with our present lives and the future hope of His coming again, making Christmas a time of celebration, reflection, and anticipation.

Join us this Advent on a journey to explore the work of the Holy Spirit in the story of Christmas. Together, we'll delve into how the Holy Spirit was pivotal in the birth of Jesus and how it still moves and works in our lives, preparing us for His second coming. Let's discover together the depth and richness of the Holy Spirit's role in the true spirit of Christmas.

Use this Advent Guide in your personal study, with your family, or in your small group. You'll simply read the provided scripture and prayer, then spend some time considering it. We also encourage you to write a prayer of your own in the pages provided in the back.

DAY 1



The Spirit's Work in Creation Genesis 1:1-2

Gracious Creator and Sustainer of all that is,
From the boundless void before time began,
Your Spirit moved upon the face of the deep,
Breathing life into the cosmos, igniting stars, and sculpting
worlds.

We stand in awe of the vastness of Your work,
The heavens and the earth, a tapestry of Your majesty,
Intricately woven by Your divine Spirit's guidance,
Crafting beauty from nothingness, order from chaos.

May we, Your creation, continually recognize Your hand,
In the rolling seas, the soaring skies, the fertile earth,
And in every heartbeat of life that pulses around us.

Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters,
Continue to move within us, inspiring and leading,
As You shape the world, shape also our hearts,
To mirror Your creative power and love.

Give us hearts and eyes to stay watchful,
looking for your Spirit this Advent season,
preparing us for the next coming of Christ.

In gratitude, we offer our prayer,
Trusting in Your eternal presence from creation's dawn,
To the age to come.

Amen.

DAY 2



The Holy Spirit Promised to Come
Joel 2:28-29

O Lord, our Hope and Redeemer,
In this sacred season of Advent,
We remember the promise You gave through Joel:
That Your Spirit would be poured out on all flesh,
Your sons and daughters prophesying,
Your old dreaming dreams, and your young seeing visions.

As we await the celebration of Your Son's humble birth,
And anticipate His glorious coming again,
Pour out Your Spirit upon us anew.
May Your presence be as near and palpable
As it was in that ancient promise.

Enlighten our hearts and minds,
So we may share Your love and truth with the world,
With dreams and visions of a future
Filled with peace, justice, and joy on that day.
In the name of Jesus, who we await,

Amen.

DAY 3



The Holy Spirit's Role in Jesus' Conception Luke 1:26-35

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
We contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation,
How the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary,
And she conceived Your Son, the Light of the World.

May that same Spirit stir within our hearts,
Making us bearers of Your light and love,
Ready to bring Christ into the world in our actions and words.

Grant us the faith of Mary,
To respond to Your call with courage and joy,
Trusting in Your power to do great things within us.

Through the Holy Spirit, may we too conceive and nurture
Your presence in our lives, that we may reveal Christ to all.

Amen.

DAY 4



Mary's Visitation Filled with the Holy Spirit
Luke 1:39-45

O Most High, in this time of Advent,
We reflect in awe on the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth,
a sacred moment alive with Your Spirit.

The joy of Elizabeth's exclamation, the leap of the babe within
her womb, speak to a profound truth—that in Your divine plan,
You grace us with encounters that are charged with holy
purpose.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, fill us with that
same sense of wonder,
that we may greet each other with the joy of Elizabeth,
recognizing the coming of Your salvation in our midst.

In the presence of such miracles, small and great, our spirits rise
to hope in light of Your everlasting grace.

Amen.

DAY 5



Elizabeth's Prophetic Utterance by the Spirit
Luke 1:41-45

Blessed Lord,
In this season of Advent, we recall with reverence the prophetic
utterance of Elizabeth,
filled with the Holy Spirit, as she greeted Mary,
the mother of our Lord.

Bless us with the Spirit's insight, that we may see Your hand at
work in the world around us,
and greet each sign of Your presence with joy and thanksgiving.

May we, like Elizabeth, exclaim with blessed assurance the
wonders of Your love, recognizing the fulfillment of Your
promises in the coming of Jesus Christ.

In anticipation and holy awe, we await His birth, and in His sacred
name, we pray.

Amen.

DAY 6



Zechariah Filled with the Holy Spirit Prophecies
Luke 1:67-79

Sovereign Lord,
As we journey through this season of Advent,
we reflect on Zechariah, once mute, who spoke by the power of
the Holy Spirit to prophesy the dawn of salvation.

Infuse us with that same Spirit,
that our words may herald Your love and our lives be a testament
to Your redemptive power.

As Zechariah foretold the coming of the Dayspring,
so may we illuminate the dark places,
bearing witness to Your light.

Empower us to walk in the way of peace, to guide our feet into
the path of the coming Christ.

In the name of Jesus, who is the fulfillment of prophecy,

Amen.

DAY 7



Mary Found to be Pregnant by the Holy Spirit
Matthew 1:18

Gracious and Eternal God,

In the stillness of this Advent season, we marvel at the mystery of the Incarnation: Mary, found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. In this profound miracle, heaven touched earth, and Your eternal Word took on flesh.

Bless us with the humility and faith of Mary, who embraced Your will with openness and love. May the beauty of Jesus' divine conception ignite in us a holy wonder, reminding us that nothing is impossible with You.

Prepare our hearts to receive Christ anew, to be bearers of Your light in a world that longs for hope and salvation.

In the name of Jesus, our Immanuel,

Amen.

DAY 8



The Birth of Jesus Christ Luke 2-7

O Holy God,

In the humble setting of a stable, amongst the animals and filth,
You came to us.

In the quiet of the night, in a small town barely marked on a map,
the Savior was born, Your Son, wrapped not in royal garb but in
swaddling clothes,
His first breaths in the cool air of a world He came to save.

We are in awe, Lord, that You would choose such a place,
that You would clothe Your infinity in the confines of flesh.

In this Advent, let us find the sacred in the simple, the divine in
the dust of everyday life, just as You did on that holy night in
Bethlehem.

Amen.

DAY 9



The Shepherds and the Angels Luke 2:8-20

Lord of the Heavenly Hosts,
As we remember the shepherds on that first Christmas night, we
ask for that same Spirit to embolden us.

They hurried to Bethlehem, obedient to the heavenly call,
and found their Savior lying in a manger.

May we, too, hear Your voice in our lives and respond with
immediate obedience,
moving beyond our apprehensions to embrace Your will.

Empower us by Your Spirit to seek and to find Jesus in our
everyday journeys.

Amen.

DAY 10



The Spirit's Presence in Simeon's Life Luke 2:25-35

Almighty God,
We are in awe of Your divine orchestration,
as seen in the life of Your servant Simeon,
upon whom Your Spirit rested.

It was this Holy Spirit that revealed to him the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah, our Lord Jesus.

Ignite in us a fervent longing to encounter Jesus as Simeon did,
with eyes opened by the Spirit to Your redemptive plan.

May the Spirit lead us too, to bear witness to the Light of the
World, proclaiming the gospel with boldness and zeal.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the precious name of
Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

DAY 11



The Holy Spirit's Anointing of Jesus Isaiah 61:1-3

Holy God, Father of the broken hearts,
As we await the celebration of Your coming,
we are reminded of Your Spirit's anointing upon Jesus,
who came to heal the brokenhearted.

In this season of Advent,
let Your Spirit move among us,
binding up the wounds of the weary, the lost, and the grieving.

May we, touched by the same Spirit,
become instruments of Your healing love,
reaching out to mend the fractures of a hurting world.

Let the balm of Your presence bring comfort and hope to all in
need.

In the name of Jesus, our Healer and Hope,

Amen.

DAY 12



The Spirit Descends on Jesus at Baptism
Matthew 3:13-17

Eternal Father,

In the wonder of Christ's birth, Your Spirit was present,
heralding a new era of grace.

And at the River Jordan,
as Jesus emerged from the waters of baptism,
your same Spirit descended like a dove,
affirming His sonship and mission.

We thank You for the Holy Spirit,
ever-present from manger to baptism to this day,
guiding our path to righteousness.

May this same Spirit lead us from the innocence of the crib to the
maturity of faith,
as we follow in the footsteps of Christ.

In the name of Jesus, who lived and was baptized among us,

Amen.

DAY 13



Jesus Rejoices in the Holy Spirit
Luke 10:21

Heavenly Father,

We lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving for the gift of the
Holy Spirit.

Just as Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit,
we too celebrate the wonders You have revealed to us,
not through our own understanding but by Your divine guidance.

Encourage us, Lord, to delight in the Holy Spirit at work within us,
leading us to deeper truths,
guiding us in Your wisdom,
and uplifting us in Your joy.

In the name of Jesus, who is our joy and salvation,

Amen.

DAY 14



The Promise of the Holy Spirit for Believers John 14:15-17

Lord of Love and Promise,

We thank you for Your eternal gift,
the Holy Spirit,
promised to all who believe,
as recounted in John 14:15-17.

Your Spirit is
our Advocate, our Guide, and our Comforter.

In thanksgiving, we embrace the hope that
the Spirit will forever dwell within us,
guiding us into all truth
and reminding us of the words of Christ.

May this promise fill us with enduring hope in a broken world,
as we rely on the Holy Spirit to navigate the complexities of life,
secure in the knowledge that we are never alone.

In Your gracious and loving name,

Amen.

DAY 15



The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, Sent by Jesus
John 15:26

Almighty and Everlasting God,
In the mystery of Your divine Trinity,
You have shown us the fullness of Your grace.

Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have offered us salvation,
and in Your goodness, You provided the Holy Spirit as our
Advocate and Comforter.

We give You thanks for the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
who guides us in all truth and advocates for us with groans too
deep for words.

May this season of Advent remind us of Your continuous
presence and love.

May we rest in the joy of the fulfilled promise of your first arrival;
and hope in the promise of your second arrival.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

Amen.

DAY 16



The Spirit of Truth to Guide Believers
John 16:7-15

Loving God,
In these times of confusion and clamor,
we cling to the promise of Your Spirit,
the Spirit of Truth.

As we journey through Advent,
grant us clarity and discernment to see past the fleeting
distractions of this world and to grasp the enduring truth of
Christmas—the birth of Your Son, our Savior.

In the midst of our complex world,
let Your Spirit guide us to a simple and pure devotion to Christ.

Help us to hold fast to the hope of the gospel,
finding peace and truth in the message of Your love made
manifest in a humble manger.

In the name of Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, we pray.

Amen.

DAY 17



The Spirit's Power in the Resurrection

Romans 8:11

O Holy Spirit, Breath of Heaven,

In the silent anticipation of Advent, we marvel at Your power that
filled Mary,
bringing forth the Savior's birth,
and the same might that raised Christ from the tomb.

You, who filled the emptiness of Mary's womb with the Word
made flesh, also emptied the grave, conquering death with
resurrection's promise.

Fill us now with Your presence as we celebrate Your Incarnation
at Christmas,
and prepare us for the emptying of self that we may share in
Christ's death and resurrection.

Teach us to live and love in this sacred rhythm of divine fullness
and holy surrender.

Amen.

DAY 18



Living by the Spirit While Waiting for Christ Galatians 5:22-25

Lord of all,

As we wait with expectant hearts for the celebration of Christ's
birth and His promised return,
we seek to live by the Spirit.

Cultivate in us the fruit of Your Spirit: love, joy, peace,
forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and
self-control.

May these virtues guide our actions and fill our lives, that we
might walk with Christ and be a living testimony to Your grace.

In the name of Jesus, our hope and redeemer,

Amen.

DAY 19



The Holy Spirit's Assurance of Our Adoption

Galatians 4:4-7

Heavenly Father,

In humble awe, we thank You for the gift of adoption into Your
family,
as Your Spirit whispers to our spirits that we are Your children,
heirs through God.

This Advent, may this reality stir us to share the good news of
Jesus, so others might join this divine kinship.

Grant us the courage and joy to speak of the love made manifest
in the manger,
inviting all to embrace the warmth of Your family.

Through Your grace, let us extend Your invitation far and wide.

In Jesus' name, who made our adoption possible,

Amen.

DAY 20



The Spirit Helps Us in Our Weakness

Romans 8:26-27

O Lord, our Comfort and Guide,

We give thanks that in Your infinite wisdom, You did not leave us
to wander alone.

In our weakness, Your Spirit intercedes, with groanings too deep
for words. Here our groanings O God!

With grateful hearts, we acknowledge the Spirit's help in every
struggle,
guiding us when we cannot find the way.

May we rest in the assurance of Your Spirit's presence,
leading us towards Your purpose and peace.

Amen.

DAY 21



The Spirit and the Bride Say, "Come"

Revelation 22:17

Lord of Advent,

As the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come," so do our hearts echo
this call in anticipation of Your second coming.

This Advent, we join in the chorus of the faithful, inviting Jesus to
enter anew into our world and our lives.

May the expectant spirit of this season awaken in us a renewed
longing for Your presence.

With joy, we prepare to celebrate Your first arrival, and with
hope, we await Your return.

In the name of Jesus, whose advent we await,

Amen.

DAY 22



The Spirit and the Church Waiting for Christ 1 Corinthians 1:7-8

O Lord of All Time,

In this holy season of Advent, as we dwell in the time between
Your first coming and Your awaited return, we embrace the
words of 1 Corinthians 1:7-8.

Your Spirit has gifted Your church with every spiritual gift as we
eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Together in unity, may Your church shine Your light in the
darkness, proclaiming Your love and grace to all.

Keep us steadfast in faith and love as we look forward to the day
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

DAY 23



Standing Firm in the Spirit Until Christ's Return

Ephesians 6:10-18

Lord God, our Strength and Shield,

We confess to you that we are not good at waiting. We desire immediate satisfaction, and become low in the dullness of daily life. Yet we live in the now and not yet, awaiting a glorious day.

Clothe us with Your spiritual armor that we might stand firm—girded in truth, shielded by faith, and helmeted with the salvation brought through Your Son's birth. That we might wait well, and be a church ready for your return.

As we await the return of Christ, let Your Spirit embolden us to stand against the trials of this world, that we may persevere with peace and assurance.

In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray,

Amen.

DAY 24



The Holy Spirit Seals Us for the Day of Redemption Ephesians 1:13-14

Gracious and Loving God,

In this season of Advent, we stand in radiant wonder and deep gladness, for in You, we have been marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit, the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption.

How marvelous is this gift that we carry within us the very guarantee of our salvation, a treasure beyond measure, a light in our lives that no darkness can dim.

May our hearts sing with joy as we await the coming of our Savior, secure in the Spirit's embrace, rejoicing in the glory of Your grace.

In the name of Jesus, our Hope and Redeemer,

Amen.

DAY 25



The Hope and Revelation of Jesus' Second Coming

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

O God of Hope and Fulfillment,

As Advent draws to a close, our hearts brim with excitement and
joy.

We await the triumphant return of Jesus with assurance and
elation. May the hope of His second coming illuminate our
celebrations of His first.

Stir us to greet each day with a spirit of readiness and jubilation,
for in Christ, every ending is a new beginning.

Comfort one another with these words, and let the anticipation
of His advent enkindle in us an enduring flame of joy all year.

By the Holy Spirit, may we be a church equipped for every good
work, ready for Christ's return.

Amen.

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ADVENT SEASON AT FBG



Christmas Services

Sunday, December 24

10am, 2pm, 4pm

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Lottie Moon Offering	12/3
First Sunday of Advent Hope	12/3
GISD Christmas Cookie Ministry	12/6
Merry Christmas with Love	12/9
Second Sunday of Advent Peace	12/10
Christmas Family Night	12/10
Advent Midweek Prayer & Break the Fast Breakfast	12/13
Third Sunday of Advent Joy	12/17
Advent Midweek Prayer	12/20
Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Sunday Love	12/24



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