



Advent Booklet
2021

Advent Decorating Fund In Memory Of

Dot & Warren Beale

By: Anne, Westbrook, Brook, Abbie & Caroline

Eunice Boone & Minnie Blythe

By: Charles & Jewell Martin

Karen Phillips Chase

By: the family of Edward Phillips

Jackson Corbett-precious grandson

By: Charles & Jewell Martin

Bill & Marguerite Cutchins/Ed & Margaret Crenshaw

By: Kevin & Rosalind Cutchins

Edith W. & Maxie R. Day

By: Maxine D. Hollowell

Louise & Marshall DeBerry

By: Nancy & Carroll Arnold & family & Marshall DeBerry, Jr.

Marshall M. DeBerry

By: Marshall DeBerry, Jr. & Nancy DeBerry Arnold

Lonnie & Mildred Doughty

By: Elaine, Linda, Carolyn & Gwynn

My Edwards family in Heaven

By: Gaynelle Edwards Riddick

John Farrar

By: Jim & Jane Kay

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Our parents, James T. Gillette, Jr. & Roland & Rebecca Vaughan

By: Becky & Walker Gillette

William H. Goodwin, Sr. & Annie Maye Goodwin

By: Bill & Alice Goodwin

Susan Elizabeth Harrison Griffin

By: Husband Frank & Son Robbie

Alma & Jim Henry

By: Rin & Kevin Barkdull & Susan & Jim Henry

Holcombe, Story, Bunn & Edwards families loved ones

By: Allen C. Story

Hope & Allen Jones

By: Judi & John Allen

Lewis Joyner

By: Linda Joyner

Camp Marks

By: Dean & Pat Emerson

Brooks & Hinson Parker

By: Anne, Westbrook, Brook, Abbie & Caroline

Edward Aldon Phillips

By: the family of Edward Phillips

Miss Jennifer Pollard

By: Rev. Johnie Pollard

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Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Powell

By: Lynn & Susan Powell

Mr. Ron Ratcliffe

By: Lynn & Susan Powell

Ron Ratcliffe

By: Sue Ratcliffe & family

My Bill's family in heaven

By: Gaynelle Riddick

Linda P. Soucek

By: Howie Soucek

Robert Lewis Thomas

By: Linda Thomas, Stacey Drake & Kristy Cotton

Linda F. Turner

By: Bobby & Nancy Turner

Mr. Stuart Vincent

By: Lynn & Susan Powell

David Womack

By: Lynn & Susan Powell

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Womack

By: Susan & Lynn Powell

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The Chancel Choir Family

By: Gretchen Hopkins

Stacy Dempsey

By: Gretchen Hopkins

My beautiful bride, Debbie

By: Phil Doughtie

Our 35th Anniversary on December 26th

By: Becky & Walker Gillette

To the Glory of God

By: John & Ann Spanagel

Gretchen Hopkins

By: Stacy

Our friends, Becky & Frankie Jester

By: Doug & Linda Rogers

Margaret Mackan & family – for setting up & taking care of the Nativity Scene

By: Judy Riddick

Mr. Gilbert Porter, a dear friend

By: Lynn & Susan Powell

Gaynelle Riddick, my sister

By: Lucille Edwards Carter

Gaynelle Riddick – a truly wonderful Aunt

By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

My family

By: Marjorie Whitley

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning.

Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the *second* coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning “coming” or “visit,” begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve.

Although we are accustomed to celebrating Christmas on a single day, in both Christian tradition and on the Church calendar, the Christmas season lasts for the twelve days from December 25 – January 6. As Taylor Burton-Edwards notes, the Christmas Season “begins with the birth of Jesus and gives us two full weeks to encounter the extraordinary love, threats, dangers, and opportunities God's Incarnation [in the birth of Jesus] set off then and still sets off today.”

God entered our world, not as a conqueror, but an infant, demonstrating the depth of God's love — and a radical vision of peace and love — for all creation.

May your hearts be filled with expectant preparation, anticipatory hope, and joyful gratitude this season!

