



Messy saints

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent: *Hope* | 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

Fools for Christ: At a time of year when we can purchase and possess anything we want, which promises at least temporary happiness, aren't we foolish to be a people who wait? Yes, we are. We are fools for Christ because He alone is the wisdom of God. In this way we are a signpost to our neighbours. The tools we need for waiting are patience and humility.

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent: *Peace* | 1 Corinthians 10:23–11:1

A Person for Others: As we wait, Jesus doesn't call us to a cloistered life. We are a people on mission, so we are to have a posture of seeking the good of all people, even over our own rights. In this way we are to imitate Jesus who gave up equality with God.

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent: *Joy* | 1 Corinthians 11:17–34

The Examined Life: Sometimes we can become too caught up in joy. So much so that we begin to forget who we are and whose we are. When that happens love for others is the first thing to go out the window. That is why it is important to have regular rhythms in our life to examine where we are in respect to others.

December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent: *Love* | 1 Corinthians 13:1–13

Love Never Fails: There are things that are a part of our lives while we wait for the completion of our salvation. Some of those seem really dynamic and important right now. In fact, some of those things can have all of our attention. What should be our priority is love. With love those other things will have their proper place in our lives.

December 29, 2019

Season of Christmas | 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

All in All: What are we waiting for? We are waiting for God's plan of salvation to be completed through Jesus Christ. At Christmas we are declaring that the king has come and is coming again to put the world right and to put it under God who will then be all in all.

January 5, 2020

Epiphany Sunday | 1 Corinthians 15:50–58

We Will Be Changed: With the arrival of the Wise Men Jesus is revealed as king. And, as Jesus is revealed through the resurrection, we receive the revelation that we too will be changed to be like him. The corruptible will be swallowed up by the incorruptible.