

LOVE

The Season of Advent

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We have an obligation to love others BECAUSE we have been recipients of God’s great love.

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God’s love was costly and self-initiated.

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People will be able to see God through the loving actions of his children.

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