

**Congregational Statement of Confession
in Preparation for Advent Communion**
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Forgiving God,

We confess that too often we reject the freedom and power you give us.

We confess that too often we accept injustice, oppression, and the spiritual forces of wickedness.

Forgive us, God, for not always being a people who deserve this gift of communion.

Thank you for always seeking to renew your relationships with us, by offering us this communion again and again.

Thank you for your blessing upon us.

Amen.