

ALL TO THE GLORY: ADVENT



Whatever you do, do it all to the glory
of God. *1 Corinthians 10:31*

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WHAT IS ADVENT?

“Advent” is the arrival of someone or something important. For the Christian church, Advent is the season of preparation for Christmas, which celebrates the first coming of Jesus into the world. Advent is the first season of the new church year. We also use Advent to look forward to the second coming of Jesus on Judgment Day.

HOW DO WE CELEBRATE ADVENT?

We prepare for Christmas in many ways.

Midweek services on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm help us take time out of our busy schedules to focus on the coming of Christ. These services are shorter than Sunday morning worship, more meditative, and a lovely way to close out your day. We also serve meals before worship (beginning around 5:30 pm) to make the evening easier.

Decorations dress up our everyday spaces to show that something special is happening.

Our school prepares a concert of praise to Jesus. This special service proclaims the birth of Christ and lodges the truth of Christmas firmly in our children’s brains.

Advent wreaths with a special set of candles help us visualize the Light of the World coming to earth to save us. Each week another candle is lit until the final center candle is lit on Christmas Day as Jesus arrives.

OUR PRAYER for this ministry:

Lord Jesus, come quickly! Thank you for the peace you bring to our hearts and minds with your birth, death, and resurrection. Help us keep the focus on you during Advent and always. Amen.

Traditionally these candles are a set of three blue or purple, one pink, and one white although variations exist.

- 1: (purple) Hope / Prophecy
- 2: (purple) Peace / Bethlehem
- 3: (pink) Joy / Shepherds
- 4: (purple) Love / Angels
- 5: (white) Christ

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