

What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the "New Year's Day" of the Church Year calendar.

Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means "coming." During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



Parents:

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.



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Grace Notes

November 28, 2021

1st Sunday in Advent Start of the New Church Year



We pray that the Lord will make your love grow more and more for each other and for all people.

1 Thessalonians 3:12

Memory Verse Challenge

Week of November 28, 2021

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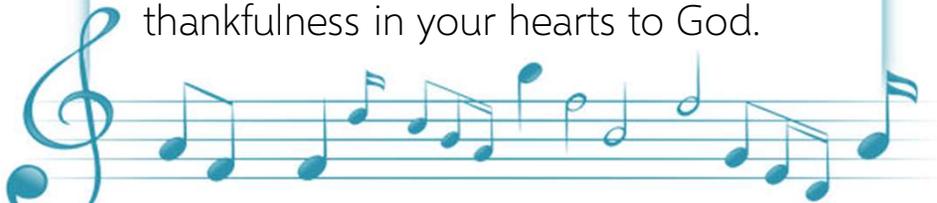
For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18



Colossians 3:16

Let the teaching of Christ live in you richly. Use all wisdom to teach and strengthen each other. Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



Be Prepared

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.
Matthew 24:44 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 36-44



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Come Lord Jesus!



Advent is a time to get ready for the coming of Jesus. He is born into this human world to save us from sin.

There are 4 Sundays (weeks) that mark advent. An advent wreath helps us count the time until we celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

Each Sunday, a new candle is lit. The first Sunday is the candle of **HOPE**. We look forward to the birth of Jesus. The HOPE candle is purple (or sometimes blue).

Words of John the Baptist bring HOPE

⁶ God sent a man, John the Baptist,^[a] ⁷ to tell about the Light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. ⁸ John himself was not the Light; he was simply a witness to tell about the Light. ⁹ The one who is the true Light, who gives Light to everyone, was coming into the world. John 1:6-9

"house of Judah" and "house of Israel" are names for God's people.



The Good Branch

¹⁴ The Lord says, "The time is coming when I will do the things I promised. I made a special promise to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ In those days and at that time, I will make a righteous branch sprout from David's family.

He will do what is fair and right in the land.

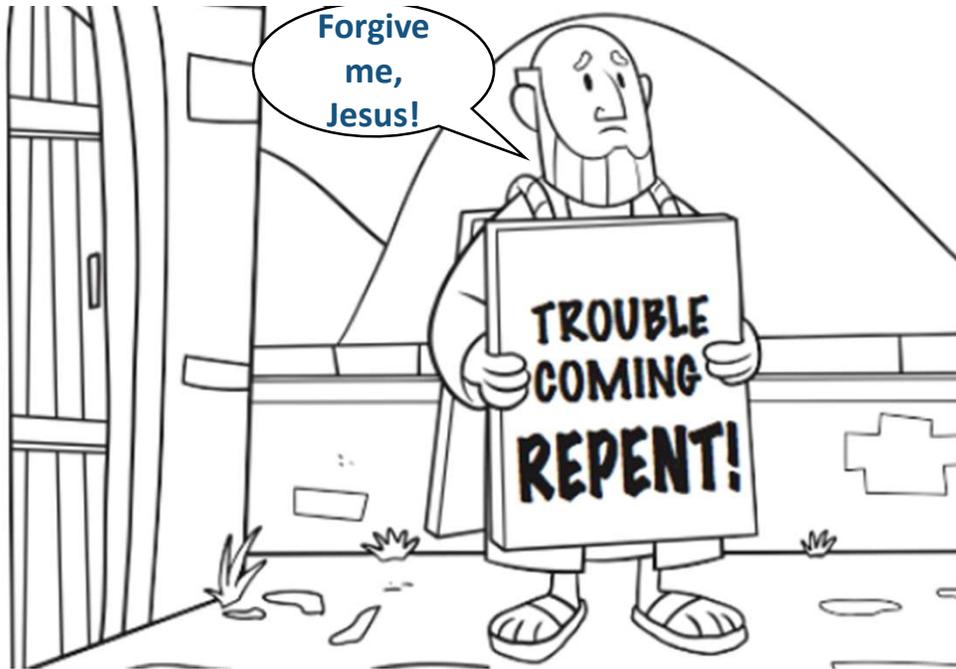
¹⁶ At this time Judah will be saved.

The people of Jerusalem will live in safety.

The branch will be named:

The Lord Does What Is Right."

Jeremiah 23



So be ready all the time. Pray that you will be strong enough to escape all these things that will happen. And pray that you will be able to stand before the Son of Man.” Luke 21:36



Dear Lord, tell me your ways. Show me how to live.
⁵ Guide me in your truth. Teach me, my God, my Savior.
I trust you all day long. ⁶ Lord, remember your mercy and love. You have shown them since long ago. ⁷ Do not remember the sins and wrong things I did when I was young. But remember to love me always because you are good, Lord. Amen. (Psalm 25:5-7)



I thank God for you, everyday.
1 Corinthians 1:4



ADVENT
Jesus is coming!