

the season of
ADVENT



Advent is often likened to the Christian's New Year, as it launches the church's calendar that follows the story of Jesus laid out in the Scriptures.

Advent is a season of **waiting** and **hope**. The Christian practices of **generosity**, **prayer**, and **fasting** often accompany this season. It is a season of waiting with hope **in the past** alongside Israel as they await rescue from oppression through their promised King and Messiah. It is a season of waiting with hope **for the future** when Jesus, the true King and Messiah, will deliver the entire creation from the oppression of violence and death once and for all. And it is a season of waiting with hope **in the present** as we seek the comfort and deliverance of the Holy Spirit in our own circumstances.

We invite you to read and ponder these common Advent passages before, during, or after each Sunday in Advent alongside your families and friends as we **wait** and **hope** together for Jesus.

1st Sunday of Advent | | December 1, 2024

Jeremiah 33v14-16
Psalm 25v1-10
1 Thessalonians 3v9-13
Luke 21v25-36

3rd Sunday of Advent | | December 15, 2024

Zephaniah 3v14-20
Isaiah 12v2-6
Philippians 4v4-7
Luke 13v7-18

2nd Sunday of Advent | | December 8, 2024

Malachi 3v1-4
Luke 1v68-79
Philippians 1v3-11
Luke 13v1-6

4th Sunday of Advent | | December 22, 2024

Isaiah 11v1-6
Psalm 80v1-7
Hebrews 10v5-10
Luke 1v39-55