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What Is Advent?

Advent 2026: November 29 to December 24

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- Advent is the four Sundays before Christmas. The church remembers how God's people waited for Christ's birth at Bethlehem and waits for his return. In 2026 Advent runs from Sunday, November 29, to Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24.

The four Sundays and Christmas Eve, 2026

- First Sunday, November 29 (hope): Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
- Second Sunday, December 6 (peace): Micah 5:2a, 4-5a
- Third Sunday, December 13 (joy): Luke 2:8-14
- Fourth Sunday, December 20 (love): 1 John 4:9-10
- Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 (Christ): John 1:1-5, 14

The two comings of Christ

- The first coming: a child born to us, a son given.

  READ ISAIAH 9:6

  > For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- The second coming: his return.

  READ REVELATION 22:20

  > He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The candle readings

- The reading, response and prayer for each Sunday and for Christmas Eve are at churchposting.com/resources/worship/advent-candle-readings/.

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