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# Christian Calendar

## Liturgical Year 2018-19

### What is the Christian calendar?

From the earliest days of the Christian church, the people who followed in Jesus' way began to order their time around Jesus' death and resurrection. Those two things had turned the world upside down! Each season in the Christian year helps us remember the story of Jesus, and to live out that story as we draw close to him.

#### The Colors:

**Purple:** Purple is the color of kings. The purple times are when we prepare for the coming of the king. But Jesus doesn't come as the kind of king people expect.

"Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in." Psalm 24:7

**White:** The color of getting ready becomes the color of celebration! White is the light that Jesus brought into the world.

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind." John 1:4

**Red:** Red is a hot color. The Holy Spirit came as a flame. This fire burns but does not consume.

"But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Luke 3:16

**Green:** Green is the color of growing things. These are the days when we focus on how God helps his people to grow.

"That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither — whatever they do prospers." Psalm 1:3

#### December 2-December 25: Advent

We begin the Christian year with waiting and expectation. We remember how God's people waited for a Savior and we wait for Jesus to come back and make all things new.

#### December 25-January 6: Christmastide

Christ has come! The Light of the World has come as a little human baby.

#### January 6: Epiphany

This is the day when we remember the three kings who found Jesus, the one who brings light for the whole world.

#### January 7-March 5: Ordinary Time

This is a growing time. We grow closer to Jesus and more like him every day.

#### March 6: Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is when we are marked with the cross and remember that without Jesus we are like dead ashes.

#### March 6-April 20: Lent

Lent is forty days long. It is our annual journey from death to new life. We wait and get ready for our king to come.

#### April 14-April 21: Holy Week

This week we remember the very end of Jesus' life. We gather with him for the Last Supper, we sit at the foot of the cross, and we keep vigil as we wait for him to rise again.

#### April 21: Easter Sunday

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! God showed that he is more powerful than sin and death when Jesus rose from the dead.

#### April 21-June 8: Eastertide

Easter is fifty days long and is the central celebration of the Christian year. Jesus is our high priest who carries us into God's presence.

#### June 2: Ascension Sunday

Jesus returned to heaven where he was at the beginning of creation. He promises us that he will come again.

#### June 9: Pentecost

Jesus did not leave us alone! He sent the Holy Spirit to live in us. The Holy Spirit helps us grow closer to Jesus and more like him every day.

#### June 16: Trinity Sunday

This is the Sunday that we wonder at the mystery of the Trinity: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit, three persons yet one God.

#### June 10-Advent 2019: Ordinary Time

This is the time when we get to live out God's story in ordinary ways every day. This time is after Pentecost because we need the Holy Spirit's help to grow closer to Jesus and be more like him.

#### November 3: All Saints Sunday

Every year we remember brothers and sisters in Christ who lived and died by faith. We thank God for their lives and witness, and try to walk with Jesus like they did.