

## What is the meaning of “Advent”?

Advent is a word that means “coming” or “arrival.” During the Advent season, the four weeks prior to Christmas, we celebrate the coming of Jesus as God’s gift to the world. Each week focuses on a different part of the Christmas message which points to Christ himself.

### **Week 1: Hope – Jesus is the Savior we hoped for**

Psalm 130:7 – “O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.”

### **Week 2: Peace – Jesus is the Prince of Peace**

Romans 5:1 – “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

### **Week 3: Joy – Christ gives us joy**

Acts 2:28 – “You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

### **Week 4: Love – Jesus demonstrates God’s great love for us**

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

### **Christmas: Christ is God with us**

John 8:12 – “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”

*During this Advent season,*

Put your **Hope** in the Lord

Receive **Peace** through Jesus Christ

Follow God’s path to **Joy**

Believe that God sent Jesus to demonstrate his **Love** for you

Follow the light of **Christ** to true life