

What is Advent?

Are you curious about Advent or just need a refresher? See the article and **resources below**, and don't forget to Take The Advent Quiz.

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The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit," begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year for Christians. [Liturgical — from liturgy, which means the forms and functions of public worship.]

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

Learn more:

- [Advent & Christmas](#)
- [Advent FAQs](#)
- [All About Advent](#)
- [Understanding Advent](#)
- [Where Did the Season of Advent Come From?](#)
- [Take the Advent Quiz](#)
- [Rethink Church - Advent Resources](#)
- [Advent Hymns Set To Christmas Tunes](#)
- [Chuck Knows Church - Advent Wreath](#) (video)

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