

NS:

Today, the first Sunday in Advent, is the beginning of a new church year.

During Advent, as The Kingdom of God draws Near, we'll prepare our worship space a little differently. We'll gradually prepare for Christmas throughout Advent.

- We'll completely change things around by turning our seating sideways.
- We'll replace the altar with a simple table and clear the front of the sanctuary.
- We'll light an additional candle of the Advent wreath each week.
- We'll join together in singing our favorite Advent songs.
- Chimes will introduce the singing of "O Come, O Come, Emanuel."
- We'll use the Advent prayer petition/response of "Come, Lord Jesus" followed by "Come quickly!"
- We'll change to the seasonal confession of sins, offertory (at 8:30 a.m.), and post-communion prayers.
- Our manger will stand empty until our Savior arrives on Christmas morn!

We hope you'll join in celebrating this wonderful Advent season as we prepare together for the celebration of Christ's birth!

DS:

Today, the first Sunday in Advent, is the beginning of a new church year.

You'll notice some changes in our services as we observe Advent. Blue is our liturgical color. We'll use the Kyrie, the Church's prayer of longing for Christ's kingdom.

We'll use the first musical setting of liturgy at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and omit the hymn of praise.

We'll join together in singing our favorite Advent songs, with bells introducing the singing of "O Come, O Come, Emanuel."

During Advent, we'll use the traditional response of "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" during the Prayer of Thanksgiving and prayers of the people.

Starting next Sunday, we'll arrange our worship space a little differently as The Kingdom of God draws Near.

- We'll simplify the front of the sanctuary.
- We'll light an additional candle of the Advent wreath each week.
- Our manger will stand empty until our Savior arrives on Christmas morn!

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