



The Liturgical Calendar For 2024-2025 For Sunday Worship and Special Celebrations

Liturgical Year: C

Date	Celebration	Liturgical Color
December 1, 2024	First Sunday in Advent <i>Lighting the Prophecy Candle or Hope Candle</i>	Purple or Blue Advent Emphasis Candle: Purple or Blue
December 8, 2024	Second Sunday in Advent <i>Lighting the Bethlehem Candle, Candle of Preparation or Love Candle</i>	Purple or Blue Advent Emphasis Candle: Purple or Blue
December 15, 2024	Third Sunday in Advent <i>Lighting the Shepherd's Candle or Candle of Joy</i>	Purple, Blue or Rose Advent Emphasis Candle: Pink
December 22, 2024	Fourth Sunday in Advent <i>Lighting the Angel's Candle, Candle of Love or Candle of Peace</i>	Purple or Blue Advent Emphasis Candle: Purple or Blue
December 25, 2024	The Nativity of Our LORD Jesus Christ Christmas Day <i>Lighting the Christ Candle</i>	White or Gold Advent Emphasis Candle: White
December 29, 2024	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	White or Gold
January 5, 2025	The Second Sunday in Christmastide or The Epiphany of the LORD	White or Gold Advent Emphasis Candle: White

January 12, 2025	The Baptism of the LORD <i>Season of Christmas Ends</i>	White or Gold
January 19, 2025	The Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
January 26, 2025	The Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
February 2, 2025	The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany <i>The Presentation of our Lord</i>	White
February 9, 2025	The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
February 16, 2025	The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
February 23, 2025	The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	Green
March 2, 2025	The Eighth Sunday after Epiphany	Green
March 9, 2025	The First Sunday of Lent	Purple
March 16, 2025	The Second Sunday of Lent	Purple
March 23, 2025	The Third Sunday of Lent	Purple
March 30, 2025	The Fourth Sunday of Lent	Purple
April 6, 2025	The Fifth Sunday of Lent	Purple
April 13, 2025	Palm Sunday	Purple/ Red
April 18, 2025	Good Friday	Purple/ Red
April 20, 2025	RESSURRECTION SUNDAY	White

April 27, 2025	The Second Sunday after the Resurrection	White
May 4, 2025	The Third Sunday after the Resurrection	White
May 11, 2025	The Fourth Sunday after the Resurrection	White
May 18, 2025	The Fifth Sunday after the Resurrection	White
May 25, 2025	The Sixth Sunday after the Resurrection	White
May 29, 2025	The Ascension of the Lord	White
June 1, 2025	The Seventh Sunday after the Resurrection	White
June 8, 2025	Pentecost Sunday	Red
June 15, 2025	Holy Trinity	White
June 22, 2025	The Second Sunday after Pentecost	White
June 29, 2025	The Third Sunday after Pentecost	Red
July 6, 2025	The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
July 13, 2025	The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
July 20, 2025	The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
July 27, 2025	The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Green
August 3, 2025	The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Green

August 10, 2025	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
August 17, 2025	The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
August 24, 2025	The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Green
August 31, 2025	The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 7, 2025	The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 14, 2025	The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 21, 2025	The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 28, 2025	The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 5, 2025	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 12, 2025	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 19, 2025	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 26, 2025	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
November 2, 2025	All Saints' Day	White
November 9, 2025	The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	Green
November 16, 2025	The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost	Green
November 23, 2025	Christ the King	White

Notes:

All Altar work and liturgical preparation should be done in quiet prayer and reflection as the work we do at the Altar of the LORD is Holy, Sacred, Reverential, and most important.

All Funerals, Baptisms, Baby or Child Dedications, and Weddings are White or Gold.

All Ordinations, Consecrations, Celebrations, and Anniversaries are Red.

During Advent and Lent, there are to be NO flowers in the Sanctuary. As these are penitential seasons, we refrain from flowering or decorations in the presence of the congregation. The only Sunday in both seasons that flowers are permitted are the Third Sunday in Advent and the Fourth Sunday in Lent, as these are said historically to be breaks from the season or joyous times within the season. The Season of Christmas runs 12 days, from December 25 through January 6. After January 6, the Advent wreath is no longer lit. It is customary for some congregations to change the colors of the Advent Wreath from Purple or Blue candles around the wreath to all white as we celebrate the Nativity of our LORD Jesus Christ.

During Lent, there is a practice of veiling (or shrouding) the cross before the congregation. You may choose to do this with a purple fabric, crimson fabric, or flax-colored fabric.

On Good Friday, the cross should remain at the forefront of the service and be shrouded or veiled in black.

Keep a few things in mind:

The colors on the altar announce the season or celebration the church is currently observing. For example, anytime you see purple, white, or gold on the altar, you know the church is in a high, holy season (i.e., Advent, Christmas, Easter, Holy Week, Pentecost, etc.). Green represents "ordinary time," a season of reflection and growth.

The Liturgical Years are represented as A, B, and C. This is to simply encourage the reading of the Gospels. In year A, the Gospel of Matthew is emphasized, in year B, the Gospel of Mark, and in year C, the Gospel of Luke is emphasized. John's Gospel is usually reserved for high, holy celebrations because it is the gospel that emphasizes the divinity of Jesus.

The way liturgical years are determined is by adding the digits of the year to see if they are divisible by 3. If they are, that would be liturgical year C. For example, $2+0+2+2=6$; 6 can be divided by 3, so 2022 would be liturgical year C, which automatically means 2023 would be liturgical year A, and 2024 would be liturgical year B.

Finally, the liturgical calendar always begins with Advent (the coming of Christ) and ends the following year on the Sunday before Advent begins. That is why the Liturgical calendar you have received starts December 1, the first Sunday in Advent.

The purpose of changing the altar coverings (paraments) is to "create" an atmosphere that stimulates the senses of where the church currently is during various times of the year.

If you have any further questions, feel free to reach out

God bless, and Happy New Year to you!!

Should you have any other questions or need guidance on a particular celebration, please reach out to us! We are more than happy to assist you!

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