

“Advent is the time of preparation for the birth of Christ. Historically, however, Advent was not the beginning of the Christian year, [which it is now,] but the end. The original themes of Advent focused on the second coming of Jesus. Gradually Advent also came to mean preparing for the coming of Christ. Today we inherit both themes: the end of the Christians year and the expectation of the second coming of Christ as well as the beginning of the Christian year and the expectancy of the birth of Christ, the Redeemer.” (Webber, *The Services of the Christian Year*, 107)

Sunday of Advent	Theme	Preacher	Scriptures
1st Sunday of Advent	Hope	David	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37
2nd Sunday of Advent	Peace	Belinda	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8
3rd Sunday of Advent	Joy	Children/Kelsey	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 I Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28
4th Sunday of Advent	Love	Rob	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38