

Advent

Advent (from the Latin, *adventus*, which means “coming”) is the four-week season in the Christian year before Christmas.

Traditionally, Advent has been a time for repentance, as the church considers why it was that Jesus came into the world, i.e. to save sinners and establish His kingdom rule and reign ~

- ◆ a time to look for a fresh advent of Christ in our lives right now by his powerful word and spirit
- ◆ a time to stir ourselves up to look for our Lord’s Second Coming
- ◆ and, of course, a time to prepare ourselves for yet another celebration of the Incarnation — the mystery of the coming of the eternal Son of God in human flesh



Advent Readings 2018

New City Fellowship

Week One

DECEMBER 3RD - 8TH

JESUS OUR HOPE

Monday, December 3	Isaiah 2:1-5	Hope
Tuesday, December 4	Isaiah 52:1-15	All the earth will see God's salvation
Wednesday, December 5	Isaiah 61:1-11	Jesus brings good news to the poor
Thursday, December 6	Zechariah 9:1-12	Jesus is our light, our salvation, so we have nothing to fear
Friday, December 7	Luke 1:1-25	The angel Gabriel comes to Zechariah. John will prepare the way for salvation
Saturday, December 8	Luke 1:26-56	The angel Gabriel comes to Mary; she will give birth to the Savior of the world

Week Two

DECEMBER 10TH - 15TH

JESUS OUR PEACE

Monday, December 10	Isaiah 11:1-10	Peace
Tuesday, December 11	Isaiah 53:1-12	Jesus crushed for our salvation
Wednesday, December 12	Isaiah 55:1-13; 56:1	Jesus brings deliverance as a free gift
Thursday, December 13	Philippians 2:1-18	Jesus humbles himself taking the form of a servant
Friday, December 14	Galatians 3:23-29	Jesus, our peace, justifies us through faith and reconciles us to God and each other
Saturday, December 15	Revelation 4 & 5	"Weep no more; behold the Lion of Judah, the root of David, has conquered"

Week Three

DECEMBER 17TH - 22ND

JESUS OUR JOY

Monday, December 17	Isaiah 35:1-10	Joy
Tuesday, December 18	Psalms 72	Jesus the righteous king rescues the weak and needy
Wednesday, December 19	Isaiah 55:9-13	Jesus is the word of God who accomplishes God's purposes and brings joy to his people
Thursday, December 20	Isaiah 9:1-7	Jesus brings us from darkness into our eternal kingdom
Friday, December 21	Revelation 19:1-16	Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords
Saturday, December 22	Luke 1:57-80	Zechariah's prophesy of "the horn of salvation" raised up