

## LITURGICAL CHURCH SEASONS

SEASON	COLOR	SYMBOLS	SPECIAL NOTES
<p><b>ADVENT:</b> is the seasons of expectation, hope and celebration of the coming of Christ.</p>	<p>Blue - symbolic of hope. Blue is the color of innocence and of devotion. (Alternate color is purple denoting royalty)</p>	<p>candles, angels, bells, mangers, stars</p>	<p>Four Sundays before Christmas</p>
<p><b>CHRISTMAS:</b> is the season we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>White - with gold as an accent color. White is symbolic of light, joy, purity, glory and the bright light of truth</p>	<p>candles, stars, holly, gold, poinsettia</p>	<p>This is a high season of the church. Christmas is the festival of lights. There are two Sundays in the Christmas season.</p>
<p><b>EPIPHANY:</b> is the season we remember the beginning of Jesus' ministry, his works and teachings.</p>	<p>Green - symbolic of the newness of hope, life and growth. White - symbolic of light, joy, purity, glory and the bright light of truth</p>	<p>shells, fish, anchors, water, lighthouses</p>	<p>Period from January 6 to the day before Ash Wednesday.</p>
<p><b>LENT:</b> is the season we remember the suffering and death of Jesus Christ</p>	<p>Purple -used to symbolize royalty, praying fasting and repentance. Red is used on Palm Sunday to symbolize witness, blood and power. Black is used during Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to represent grief, sorrow and mourning.</p>	<p>thorns, lamb, palm leaves, nails wooden crosses</p>	<p>Six Sundays before Easter No songs of Hallelujah are used during Lent. There are no banners or flowers on display. The cross is draped in black. This is a reflective season and the music should reflect a season of self denial and introspection.</p>
<p><b>EASTER:</b> is the season to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the victory over the grave.</p>	<p>White - used to symbolize the joy, delight and glory in the Risen Lord. Gold is used to denote Jesus' kingship.</p>	<p>butterfly, golden cross, crown, lilies, eggs</p>	<p>Seven Sundays in Easter This is the most holy season. Without Easter, there would be no Christian church.</p>
<p><b>PENTECOST:</b> celebrates the birth of the church and the preaching to all peoples about Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.</p>	<p>Red is the color for the Day of Pentecost symbolizing the Holy Spirit, power, zeal and blood. Green is used for the remaining Sundays to represent the hope and growth of the church</p>	<p>dove, fire, rainbow, triangle, ship on water</p>	<p>This is the longest season of the church year sometimes running 28 days.</p>