



What is the Tradition of Advent?

The beginning of the church year is marked with the season of Advent. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "Adventus" which means arrival or coming. The Advent season is one of preparation, reflection, hope, and excitement as we wait for the arrival of Jesus.

The Advent Wreath:

The Advent wreath is a wonderful visual way of helping our children understand Advent as a time of waiting, preparation and anticipation. The use of the Advent wreath with four candles has been an Advent ritual for hundreds of years. The Advent Wreath is a symbol of the 4 week wait for Jesus' birth.

The **green branches** remind us of the new life we have in Jesus, **the circle** represents the eternity of God's love for us - with no beginning and no end.

The Candles:

First Purple: "Candle of Hope" It symbolizes faith in God keeping his promises to humanity and reminds us to be patient for his arrival. Light this each day the First Week of Advent.

Second Purple: The second is called the "Candle of Preparation," reminding Christians to "get ready" to receive God. Light two purple candles the Second Week of Advent.

Pink Candle: "Candle of Joy." It recalls the angels joyfully singing about the birth of Christ. Light the Pink and two purple the Third week of Advent.

Third Purple Candle: "Candle of Love" reminds Christians that God loves them enough to send his only Son to Earth because he loves us. Light three purple and pink on the Fourth Week of Advent.

White Candle: The "Christ Candle," the white candle in the center, reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God sent to bring us Forgiveness, Hope and Joy. This candle is lit on Christmas day on its own.

December Happenings

Sunday, December 3rd: Kids Communities will be held followed by the Advent Wreath Workshop

Sunday, December 10th: Kids Communities @ 10am

Sunday, December 10th Secret Santa Workshop @ 2pm

Sunday, December 17th Kids Communities @ 10am

Friday, December 22nd Christmas Pageant @ 7pm

Sunday, December 24th Family Christmas Eve Service @ 5pm



Secret Santa Workshop - Sun. Dec 10th @ 2pm

Kids will have the opportunity to be their own Santa and design unique DIY gifts for their family.

-Free Event-



Friday, December 22nd @ 7pm

The Christmas Season is nearing us! What an exciting time of year it is. The lights will be hung and be shining bright, trees will be up and decorated, stores will be filled with people looking for the perfect gift, and the most important reason for the season; the birth of Jesus Christ, the best gift that could have ever been given to us.

Practice Times:

Sunday, December 3rd – During Kids Communities
(Parts will be given out)

Sunday, December 10th – During Kids Communities

Sunday, December 17th – Right after 10am Worship until 1:30pm

(Lunch will be provided)

Please contact Michelle or Kristyn for more information, kidscommunities@frenchtownpres.org