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Christian Calendar Liturgical Year 2025-26

The Colors:

Purple: Purple is the color of royalty. During the purple times we prepare for the coming of a king. But Jesus doesn't come as the kind of king people expect.

"You are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all."
1 Chronicles 29:1

Gold: The deep color of getting ready becomes the bright color of celebration! Jesus is our treasure; his words are more precious than gold.

"They will know the mystery of God. That mystery is Christ. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in him." Colossians 2:2-3

Red: Red is a hot color. The Holy Spirit came as tongues of flame; she is a fire that burns but does not consume.

"I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Luke 3:16

Green: Green is the color of growing things. These are days when we live out the story, growing with the help of the Holy Spirit in ordinary ways every day.

"The one who supplies seed for planting and bread for eating will supply and multiply your seed and will increase your crop, which is righteousness."
2 Corinthians 9:10

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What is the Christian Calendar?

From the earliest days of the Christian church, the people who followed in Jesus' way began to order their time around Jesus' death and resurrection. Those two things had turned the world upside down! The Christian year helps us to walk through the stories of Jesus together, and be changed as we draw close to him.

The Days:

November 30-December 24: Advent

We begin the Christian year with waiting and longing. "Within our darkest night, God kindles a fire that never dies away." (Taizé)

December 25-January 5: Christmastide

All of God's promises come true in Jesus! Jesus Christ, the Word who was with God in the beginning, made himself as nothing, taking on the nature of a servant to be made like us into a human baby. (Phil 2)

January 6: Epiphany

On the twelfth day of Christmas we remember the Magi who came from outside the family-of-promise to bring gifts to Jesus. We remember how Jesus is a gift given to the whole world.

January 6-February 17: Epiphanytide

The word Epiphany means "divine made real"; God was made real to us in the human body of Jesus. This is the season when we remember how Jesus walked, talked, and lived among us. Jesus was and is our good shepherd; he leads us to rest in good growing places. (Psalm 23)

February 18: Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is when we are marked with an ash cross and remember that we come from the earth and will return to the earth; without Jesus, we are like dead fires.

February 18-April 4: Lent

Lent is our annual journey from death to new life. We remember how our good shepherd Jesus laid down his life like a gate to the fold that we might come in and be saved. (John 10)

March 29-April 4: Holy Week

In this week we remember the end of Jesus' life. We watch how Jesus becomes king and responds to our cries of, "Hosanna! Save us!"

April 5: Easter Sunday

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Jesus Christ shows that he is more powerful than death, and death-dealing systems.

April 5-May 23: Eastertide

Easter is the central celebration of the Christian year. We recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread. Through Jesus we are fed, restored, and invited into the good work of "feeding his lambs." (John 21)

May 17: Ascension Sunday

Jesus Christ brought a God-piece to Earth and in ascension he brings a human-piece to God, whom he was with at the beginning. Together we wait for Christ to return one day.

May 24: Pentecost Sunday

Jesus did not leave us alone! The Holy Spirit is the fire in our hearts and minds that refines us, comforts us, and reminds us that we are God's beloved children. (Romans 8)

May 31: Trinity Sunday

This is the Sunday that we wonder together at the mystery of the Trinity, three persons yet one God, of and into each other.

May 24-Advent 2026: Ordinary Time

Also called Pentecost, in this season we live out the story of God with the help of the Holy Spirit in ordinary ways every day.

November 1: All Saints Sunday

The Holy Spirit gives us strength and courage to lay down our lives as if death was not the final word. And we remember the stories of Jesus-followers who have done the same.

November 22: Christ the King Sunday

As we end the year, we marvel at how Christ uses his power to heal and restore.