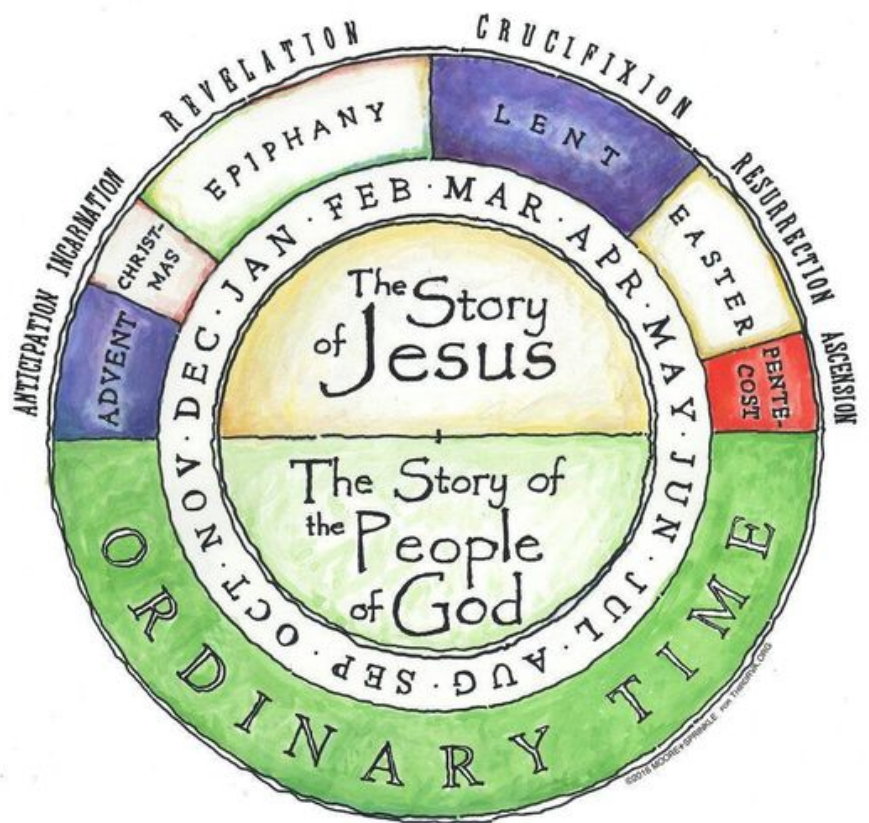


"Rehearsing God's past faithfulness fuels fresh faith" -Chuck Gschwend

One of the ways that the church intentionally rehearses God's past faithfulness is through the richness found in the Liturgical Calendar. Below you can find a brief summary of each of the principal seasons of the Liturgical Calendar.

- Advent - The Christian Year begins with Advent, which prepares us to celebrate Jesus' first coming and his second coming to judge the living and the dead. It is marked by a waiting and longing for the Lord.
- Christmastide - This season begins with Christmas Day and continues for the 12 days which follow. In this season we celebrate our Lord's birth and reflect on his incarnation, becoming flesh and living among us. This is a time of celebration
- Epiphany - Epiphany speaks to the glory of God revealed in Christ for all the nations. Reflection on the life and teaching of Jesus.
- Lent - This season begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays). This period recalls the 40 days of our Lord's fasting and temptation in the wilderness. It is a period of spiritual pilgrimage through penitence, fasting, and generosity in preparation for Easter.
- Holy Week - Holy Week opens with Palm Sunday and leads our thoughts through the Lord's Passion from his entry into Jerusalem, through the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, to his Crucifixion on Good Friday, and his lying in the grave on Holy Saturday.
- Eastertide - This is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. This season of rejoicing begins on Easter Sunday and extends for 50 days.
- Pentecost - This season celebrates the ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples (the Church) as described in the book of Acts, chapter 2.
- Kingdomtide (Ordinary Time) - This season begins immediately following Pentecost and extends until Advent. This season is for the Church to live out her vocation in full submission to King Jesus, in the midst of the world, recalling every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.



Join us throughout the next few weeks as we prepare our hearts to begin this Journey on November 29, the First Sunday in Advent.