

Christian Calendar Planning Form

THE CYCLE OF LIGHT (CELEBRATING THE INCARNATION-GOD WITH US)

***If your or your family choose to "Give a gift to Jesus" as part of your Christmas celebration, be sure to do the following prior to Christmas.*

November or Early December

- Choose recipient of Jesus' gift from our family.

- Decide on amount (percentage of gift expenditures, coffee money, etc.)

- Be sure everyone has a shepherd's pouch or other container for collecting money.

Advent – The season of thoughtful reflection and repentance.

First Sunday of Advent – Wait --*Purple*

Second Sunday of Advent – Prepare --*Purple*

Third Sunday of Advent – Rejoice --*Pink*

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Love --*Purple*

Christmas Eve, December 24th --*White*

Christmas – The Season of Celebration and Wonder.

Christmas Day, December 25th – (The Twelve Days of Christmas Begin)

Boxing Day, December 26th (In honor of Stephen --Acts 6-8)

New Year's Day, January 1st (coincides with the Feast of the Holy Name)

Eve of Epiphany, January 5th

Epiphany –A time to both inhabit the Story and to tell the Story.

Epiphany Begins, January 6th

Final Sunday of Epiphany (The Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday)

THE CYCLE OF LIFE (CONTEMPLATING SALVATION – GOD FOR US)

Lent – A season of darkness. A time to prepare.

Ash Wednesday

The Paschal Triduum – healed in the dying. Sanctify the days.

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Holy Saturday

Easter – A season of joy.

Easter Sunday

Easter Season (50 days)

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord (Fortieth Day after Easter/Thursday)

THE CYCLES OF LOVE (CONCENTRATING ON THE OUTWORKING OF REDEMPTION – GOD THROUGH US)

Ordinary Time -- As we pour ourselves out for God and others, God graciously pours himself into us.

Pentecost – A time to celebrate the outpouring and indwelling of the third Person of the Trinity.

Pentecost (Fiftieth Day after Easter)

Ordinary Time – Christ works in us and through us by his Spirit.

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