



Ecc1 3:1; Acts 19:107

The Christian Calendar

Why do we use a calendar?

Birthday's, Anniversary's, appointments...

A calendar helps to keep our focus on our priorities



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Eccl 3:1 For everything that happens in life—there is a season, a right time for everything under heaven

As we reflect on the days that make up our calendars, we can ask... What does God want for me in this season of my life? How do I respond to his revelation of himself? Who am I in light of what Jesus has done? How do I walk in his footsteps and participate in his work of bringing mankind unto himself?



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Why a Christian Calendar?

The Christian Calendar compels us to shift our orientation from the busyness and sometimes self-centeredness of our day-to-day, to a bigger reality in Jesus, which we are a part of. It infuses a deeper spiritual dimension to our schedules. As we become more mindful of the seasons, we become more circumspect in how we invest our time, emotions, and energies, and for whom



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GCI Worship Calendar





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 **ADVENT** A season of anticipation. Posture of waiting with expectation.

 **CHRISTMAS** A season of joy and wonder - God is with us! Posture of contemplation and celebration.

CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25

 **EPIPHANY** A season of discipleship. Posture of sitting at the feet of Jesus and learning who he is.

EPIPHANY DAY

JANUARY 6

TRANSFIGURATION DAY

FEBRUARY 14

 **EASTER PREP** A season to open ourselves wider to more fully appreciate our deep need for Jesus. A posture of preparation to receive the overflowing graces of Good Friday and Easter.

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 1

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 2

 **EASTER** A season of transformation - the inauguration of new creation. Posture of contemplation and celebration.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4

ASCENSION DAY

MAY 13

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23

 **ORDINARY TIME** A season of participation with Jesus in the building of his church. A posture of being sent and joining Jesus in disciple-making..

TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 30

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 21



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This annual worship calendar is based on key events in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Thus, you will notice the GCI Worship Calendar begins each year with Advent, which focuses on the three “comings” of Jesus. (Depending on the year, Advent can begin the last week in November or the first week in December.) The GCI Worship Calendar then continues by celebrating Christ’s incarnation at Christmas, and then goes through his life and ministry all the way to Pentecost and the beginning of Ordinary Time. Ordinary time ends with Christ the King Sunday, the week before the beginning of Advent.



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Acts 19

:1, 7 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul's overland journey brought him back to Ephesus. He encountered a group of about a dozen disciples there.

:2 Paul: Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?

John's Disciples: We've never heard about the Holy Spirit.

:3 Paul: Well then, what kind of ceremonial washing through baptism did you receive?

John's Disciples: We received the ritual cleansing of baptism that John taught.



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Acts 19

:4 Paul: John taught the truth—that people should be baptized with renewed thinking and turn toward God. But he also taught that the people should believe in the One whose way he was preparing, that is, Jesus the Anointed.

:5 As soon as they heard this, they were baptized, this time in the name of our Lord Jesus. :6 When Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them in the same way the original disciples experienced at Pentecost: they spoke in tongues and prophesied.



