

# The Colors: Blue

So far, we've talked about the colors of the church year:

- Green, which we use during Ordinary Time, and stands for life, growth, and go, reminding us how Christ grows the church through us.
- White, which we use for days of great celebration, and stands for purity, victory, and joy, reminding us that we are celebrating these things we get in our salvation.
- Purple, which we use during Lent, and stands for mourning, which reminds us that we are mourning how our sins held Christ to the cross.

Today, we are talking about blue. We use blue during the season of Advent. This is the season of four weeks before Christmas. So, we use blue for those four Sundays and three of the Wednesdays. We also use it for the Hanging of the Greens service we have the Saturday night before the First Sunday in advent. That means we use blue for eight services.

I'll bet you get excited at that time. I'll bet you can't wait for Christmas to get here. I know I couldn't wait when I was a boy. *Advent* means "coming." This is the time when we are preparing for Christ's coming. So, we have something to really get excited about.

What do you think of that's blue? The sky is blue. The blue of Advent reminds us that we are looking up, expecting the coming of Christ. Blue is also a color of royalty. Christ is coming as a Baby in a manger, but He's also coming as our King. The blue of Advent reminds us we are looking to the sky, expecting the coming of our Savior and King.