

**THE 2017-2018 CHRISTIAN CALENDAR AS OBSERVED IN THE
CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Liturgical Calendar is made up of seven seasons. The seasons of the year are centered around the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Church and our part in the Kingdom of God. Different Seasons of the Christian Year have liturgical colors and symbols associated with them to remind us of the meaning of the season.

ADVENT: The Christian year begins four Sundays before Christmas (December 4, 2017). It is a time of expectation and preparation of the coming Messiah. The color for this season is **PURPLE**, which is symbolic of royalty, patience and mourning. *Referred to as Sundays in Advent.*

Christmastide: December 25, 2017 through January 5, 2018 A time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. The color for this season is **WHITE**, which is symbolic of purity and joy. *Referred to as Sundays after Christmas Day.*

THE EPIPHANY: Epiphany begins January 6, 2018 and continues until Ash Wednesday. Epiphany refers to the Star of Bethlehem appearing after the birth of Jesus. We are made aware of God's presence in our reality. The color on the first Sunday is **WHITE**, thereafter the color is **GREEN**, signifying the growing Church and the spreading of the Gospel *Referred to as Sundays of the Epiphany.* **Transfiguration Sunday is February 11, 2018 and the color is WHITE.**

LENT: The season of preparation and self-denial. Forty days, (excluding Sundays) before Easter. A season of soul searching and repentance. It begins with Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2018) and takes us through Jesus' final days. During Holy Week we travel the final steps of Jesus to the Cross. Palm Sunday (March 25, 2018) - Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Lent is associated with Christ's suffering and sacrifice. The color for this season is **PURPLE** which is symbolic of patience and mourning. *Referred to as Sundays in Lent.*

EASTER: (April 1, 2018). Christ is Alive! As Disciples of Christ we are resurrected with Christ, and live a life of joy. Easter season lasts for fifty days, in that period we hear again the stories of the resurrected Christ as he appears to the disciples. Ascension is the fortieth day after Easter. His ascent in to heaven. The color for this season is **WHITE**, which is symbolic of purity and joy. *Referred to as Sundays after Easter Day.*

PENTECOST: On the day of Pentecost which is the seventh Sunday after Easter (May 20, 2018) we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the birth of the Church of Jesus Christ. Pentecost recognizes the descent of the Holy Spirit. The color for this season is **RED** which is symbolic of Blood and Fire. *Referred to as Sundays after Pentecost.*

KINGDOMTIDE: Begins with the last Sunday in August. The season of the Christian Year that we walk with Jesus as he does miracles, tells His parables and feeds the hungry. This is the season of fulfillment, of harvest in which the nature of the Kingdom of God is celebrated in a special manner. The color for this season is **GREEN** which symbolizes hope and growth, a season of spiritual growth for the Church. *Referred to as Sundays in Kingdومتide.*

Reformation Sunday: Is observed the Sunday nearest to October 31st. This celebration is in commemoration of the Protestant movement. The color for this day is **RED**.



2017-2018



STEWARDESS LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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