

# Advent and Christmas at Knox



2018

## Sunday, December 2nd – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

- Advent Celebration Service
- Advent Thanks Calendar begins – Count your blessings and contribute to the Lighthouse Assisted Living programs.

## Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

### Caring Sharing and Remembering Service

- A service for those bereaved or dealing with loss this season (presented in cooperation with the Edwards family and Saskatoon Funeral Home)

## Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

- Christmas Caring Sunday
- Cash/cheques for our “Christmas Caring” program, jointly with St. Thomas Wesley United Church

## Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

- Special children/youth participation in the service

## Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

- Special Choir music presented in the service
- Advent “Thanks Calendar” offerings received

## Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 7 pm

### Family “Carols and Candlelight” Service

## Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

- Family worship service at Knox



**What Is Advent?** from <http://www.adventunwrapped.ca/2018>

Advent means “to come” or “arrive at” [Latin *venire*: arrive/come]. In the church, Advent most often means “the coming of the Saviour.” In Western Church tradition, it is the four Sundays before Christmas – and the start of the church year.

### Why get ready?

We often think of Advent as a time of preparation to get ready for Christmas. But it is more accurately a time to look forward to Christ’s coming and Christ’s reign.

It’s a time to get ready for (and look forward to) Christ, and the holy ruckus that Christ could create in our lives if we let in Christ’s radical message!

Chocolate, Santa Claus, and Hallmark Specials have softened and domesticated the counter-cultural message of Advent: that until there is a just peace everywhere, the world is not as it should be nor as it will be.

### What are the Advent colours?

Some communities use purple for the season of Advent; others use blue. Both are correct.

Purple is a traditional liturgical colour for penitential seasons or seasons of preparation like Advent (which precedes Christmas) and Lent (which precedes Easter). Blue was adopted as an alternative colour for the season, separating it from Lent. Blue can often represent hope, the night sky, and Mother Mary.

Do you have other questions about the Advent and Christmas seasons? Send them to Rev. Brian at [knox.min1@sasktel.net](mailto:knox.min1@sasktel.net), or drop them in the offering plate.