GCI WORSHIP CALENDAR

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

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

EPHANY DAY
JANUARY 6

TRANSFIGURATION DAY
FEBRUARY 23

LENT
A season of redemption and returning to the God revealed in Jesus. Posture of surrender – remembering Christ’s sacrifice and atonement for us all.

PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 5

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 9

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 10

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

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 12

ASCENSION DAY
MAY 21

PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 31

ORDINARY TIME
A season of discipleship - focused on Jesus’ ministry and mission. Posture of renewed commitment to love God and our neighbors.

TRINITY SUNDAY
JUNE 7

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 22
Each week, as we gather in our GCI congregations around the world, most of our pastors are preaching from the Revised Common Lectionary. Using these same passages, and often the same sermon outlines published in Equipper is incredibly unifying. Reading and responding to the same truth about our Triune God is a wonderful way to create connection within our global fellowship.

The scriptures chosen week to week align with each season of the Christian calendar. As the graphic below illustrates, during each season we celebrate and remember the good news of Jesus. In Advent we celebrate, Jesus is coming; in Christmas, we rejoice, Jesus is born; during Epiphany we commemorate, Jesus is ministering; during Lent, we remember, Jesus is saving; in Easter we rejoice, Jesus is risen, and during Ordinary Time we honor, Jesus is building the church. You will notice that the calendar revolves around the life and ministry of Jesus, always keeping him the center of the center. In reliving these messages of good news each year we are continually transformed.

The GCI Worship Calendar is not compulsory however it is an invitation to more intentionally exalt Jesus as the central focus of our worship. The movement toward a defined calendar brings clarity as to how we worship in GCI and keeps us Christ-centered. It is a season to season reminder of who we are and whose we are.