

GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

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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 23



## 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

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

TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 7

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 22



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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 Easter Preparation, 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.

