ADVENT PLAYLIST BLOG 2020

**DEVOTIONALS**

Candles: *Different Advent devotionals use different coloured candles such as purple and rose, with a white candle in the middle. We have chosen to use all white candles which is ok also.*

[Seeking God's Face - Advent Section](https://www.faithaliveresources.org/Promotions/SGF_Advent_Sampler.pdf)

*Written by our former Pastor Phil Reinders, this daily reading includes a Psalm, Scripture passage, prayer suggestions, written prayer and a blessing.*

[Advent Word](https://adventword.org/en/category/2020/)

*Sign up to receive a word each day to meditate on, take and share a photograph of something prompted by the word, or listen to a meditation on the podcast. A visual way to journey through Advent.*

[We Wait For Jesus](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Advent-at-Home-2020-We-Wait-For-Jesus.pdf)

*This devotional will work well for families with older children. It includes a variety of activities, and Scripture readings to choose from. You are encouraged to do what works for your family. Includes the “Christmas Season”, the 12 days after Christmas to January 6, the Epiphany when the coming of the Magi is celebrated.*

[The Best Jesse Tree Ever](https://network.crcna.org/faith-nurture/might-be-best-jesse-tree-set-ever)

*For those looking for new ideas about how to use the Jesse Tree to mark Advent*

**READINGS/ARTICLES**

[Advent Is About Hope](https://network.crcna.org/disability-concerns/advent-about-hope)

*A short blog post by the CRCNA ministry Disability Concerns*

[Buy Less Christmas Shopping Guide For All Ages](https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2020-10/au_buy-less-shopping-guide.pdf)

*An article that considers a different and more just way to buy Christmas gifts*

[A Parent Reflects On Jesus' Parents](https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/Nativity-Parents.html)

*A short blog post to get us thinking and reflecting on the Christmas story*

**ACTIVITIES/SERVICE PROJECTS**

[Alternative Advent](https://media2-production.mightynetworks.com/asset/15732098/Alternative_Advent__Teens_.pdf)

*Also called the “Reverse Advent Calendar”, it is an opportunity to focus on giving during the Advent season. It is suitable for families with older children or teens.*

[Children's Christmas Books](https://network.crcna.org/sunday-school/christmas-collection-childrens-story-books)

*A curated selection of Christmas Books for Children*

[Praying in Colour](https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2020-10/au_buy-less-shopping-guide.pdf)

*A series of colouring sheets for all ages that can serve as an Advent Calendar.*

[Advent Unwrapped Story Colouring Book](https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/Nativity-Parents.html)

*An opportunity to colour and learn the Christmas story*

**VIDEOS/MUSIC**

[Advent In Two Minutes](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S02KOlw7dlA&list=PLqPp7MAx4LGpShEU3gq7N8gOzY-jvy36_&index=2)

*Learn about the meaning of Advent in a 2-minute video*

[Merry Larry and the True Light of Christmas](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6p6-52lHAk)

*A complete Veggie Tales story video*

["Hey Mary"](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVoGcumJwng&feature=youtu.be)

*A song that puts together the Christmas story and the present*

["Angels From the Realms of Glory"](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5mdybeyLVc)

*An amazing rendition of a familiar carol*

[An Unexpected Christmas](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TM1XusYVqNY&list=PLqPp7MAx4LGoVKMGGDiksImNfjuw-h8dW&index=3&t=71s)

*A video by children about what might have happened in Heaven when God decided to send His Son to earth*

[The Christmas Story](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWq60oyrHVQ&t=112s)

*Children act out and tell the Christmas story in their own words*