



Planning for Advent and Christmas Resources

Below are resources to accompany the recording from the workshop recorded on November 11th, 2020

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Planning for Advent and Christmas this year requires both flexibility and creativity. It is a balancing act between preserving essential traditions. Additionally, it is wise to have a range of contingencies ready in order to protect health and safety. Below you will find the resources referenced in the video as well as a number of other helpful lists and ideas compiled by our panelists.

Resources

Liturgy/Music

- A comprehensive list of resources from the Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Mertz can be found [here](#)
- A comprehensive list of resources from the Hope Incarnate Workshop from VTS can be found [here](#)
- A list of Anthems that have flexibility for use in a variety of contexts can be found [here](#)
- [St Nicholas Liturgy](#)
- [Blue December Liturgy](#)
- Blue December Videos will be posted to Christ Church Ridley Park's YouTube channel: [CCRP Learning and Info.](#)
- Good Shepherd, Rosemont present Bach's Advent Cantata 61 with Matthew Glandorf. Nov 29, Dec 6, and Dec 13 from 5:30-6:45. Please contact Father Kyle Babin (kbabin@goodshepherdrosemont.com) for the Zoom link.

Prayer/Devotions

- Living Well through Advent Devotional Book from [Living Compass](#)
- [Praying In Color:](#) This is wonderful for all ages who might be drawn to a tactile approach to prayer.

Education/Home Activities

- [The Best Cut and Color Creche](#)
- [Advent and Christmas Journey Stones](#)
- Windows into Advent: Decorate a window in your home and share a photograph of it to help create a calendar of sorts. The windows will help us tell the story of the Advent Season, full of anticipation and expectation reflecting the messages of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. The decorated window should reflect one of these themes. The idea comes from Aire-la-Ville, a small village in Switzerland.
- Advent Care Packages: Prepared and dropped to families with kids before Thanksgiving. They can include items such as Advent candles, materials for wreath making, Advent calendars, a cut and color creche, Praying in Color, St. Nicholas of Myra party plan, Advent-Epiphany journey stones jar, etc.
- The Carols of Christmas: A Celebration of the Surprising Stories Behind Your Favorite Carols by Andrew Gant
- Christmas Pageant Parade
- Children's Illustrated Christmas Pageant
- Using Michael Curry's "Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times" for adult ed. Inviting people to buy it as a gift for themselves with zoom discussion each week (3 chapters each week!).