

The Revised Common Lectionary

The Disciples of Christ often (but not always) make use of the Revised Common Lectionary. This is a three year system that walks through almost the entirety of the Bible. Each Sunday is paired with an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, a Gospel reading, and an Epistle reading that function together thematically (though we may not read all of them on Sunday).

Year A focuses on Matthew for the Gospel text, Year B focuses on Mark for the Gospel text, and Year C focuses on Luke for the Gospel text. The year turns over at the beginning of advent so that we can follow Jesus' journey of growth, Galilean ministry, journey to Jerusalem, crucifixion, and resurrection, followed by the church's empowerment and response, and ending with Christ being proclaimed as Lord and King before turning back over.

Vanderbilt offers a calendar that you can import to a calendar app and the DOC has a print calendar that lists the lectionary, suggested Chalice Hymnal tunes, and special offering days.

Season & Color	Length	Beginning Date
Advent (purple except for the third Sunday of Advent which is pink)	4 Weeks	Typically, the last Sunday in November
Christmas (white/gold)	12 days	Christmas (Dec 25th)
Epiphany (Green)	4-9 weeks	January 6th
Lent (purple)	40 days or ~ 6 weeks	Ash Wednesday (exact date varies year to year)
Holy Week / Good Friday (Black and Solemn)	1 Week, the last week of Lent	Palm Sunday (exact date varies year to year)
Eastertide (white/gold)	50 days or ~ 7 weeks	Easter Sunday (late March to early April, exact date varies year to year)*
Pentecost (red)	One Sunday	Around June (exact date varies year to year)
Ordinary Time / Season after Pentecost (Green)	Very long, Around Mid-June - Most of November	Around June (exact date varies year to year)
<p><i>* You can determine when Easter will land by finding the first Sunday after a full moon, immediately following the vernal equinox (or by googling it). Easter follows the Jewish calendar for Passover, not the Gregorian to the dismay of worship committees everywhere.</i></p>		