

# Colors Associated with the Church Year

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## Advent Season (4th Sunday before Christmas through Christmas Eve)

- Weeks 1, 2, and 4: Purple
- Week 3: Pink

## Christmas Season (Christmas Day through Feast of Epiphany)

- White and Gold

## Season after Epiphany

- Transfiguration Sunday: White and Gold
- Baptism of Christ and remaining weeks of the season: Green

## Ash Wednesday and Lent

- Purple

## Holy Week

- Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday: Purple
- Good Friday: Purple and Black
- Holy Saturday: Black

## Easter tide (Easter Sunday through Pentecost)

- Easter Sunday, Ascension Day, and all other weeks before Pentecost: White and Gold
- Pentecost: Red

## Kingdom tide (Trinity Sunday through Reign of Christ the King)

- Trinity Sunday and Reign of Christ the King: White and Gold
- All Saints Day: Red
- Remaining weeks of the season: Green

## The Meaning of the Colors

Black: *Mourning, Death*

Gold: *Majesty, Glory*

Green: *Hope, Life*

Pink: *Joy, Happiness*

Purple: *Royalty, Repentance*

Red: *Holy Spirit (flame), Martyrdom (blood)*

White: *Innocence, Holiness, Joy*



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