Advent has a double meaning. On one hand it is a looking forward to the Advent (the coming of God in Jesus Christ) as celebrated in Christmas. As such, Advent is the beginning of the Church year. At the same time, it is also the end of the last Church year. The final several Sundays of the previous Church year contain lections about “end times” and the first Sundays of Advent pick up this same theme, the return of Jesus, or the Second Coming. Advent is a time of expectation, of the first Advent and the Second. Shades of purple are colors usually associated with this season, but blue is also appropriate.

**Advent**

December 3, 2017, First Sunday in Advent (Purple or Blue)
Isaiah 64:1-9 Prayer for mercy and help. God like a potter.
   UMH 382 Have Thine Own Way, Lord • TFWS 2152 Change My Heart, O God
   WS 3087 O Christ, When You Ascended
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801)
   UMH 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Choreography) • TFWS 2173 Shine, Jesus, Shine
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Christ will keep us faultless on that day.
   UMH 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness • TFWS 91 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending
Mark 13:24-37 Coming of Son of Man. No one knows when.
   UMH 626 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence • TFWS 2192 Freedom Is Coming

December 10, 2017, Second Sunday in Advent (Purple or Blue)
   Script: Prepare the Way
   UMH 210 Toda la Tierra (All Earth Is Waiting) • TFWS 2006 Lord God, Almighty
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (UMH 806) (Choreography)
   UMH 108 God Hath Spoken by the Prophets • TFWS 2085 He Came Down
2 Peter 3:3-15a The Day will come like a thief. Be holy.
   UMH 171 There’s Something About That Name • TFWS 2091 The King of Glory Comes
   ZSS 137 O I Want to See Him
Mark 1:1-8 The preaching of John the Baptist. Script: Prepare the Way
   UMH 209 Blessed Be the God of Israel • TFWS 2089 Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice
   WS 3045 Down by the Jordan

December 17, 2017, Third Sunday in Advent (Purple or Blue)
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Good news to the poor, captives. Love justice.
   UMH 203 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed • TFWS 2019 Holy (Santo)
   URWB 147 O World of God
Psalm 126 (UMH 847)
   UMH 160 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart • TFWS 2074 Shout to the Lord • CH 165 Bringing in the Sheaves
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 May God keep you until the coming of Christ.
   UMH 670 Go Forth for God • TFWS 2205 The Fragrance of Christ
John 1:6-8, 19-28 God sent John messenger; John’s message.
   Dramatic Reading: The Testimony of John the Baptist
   UMH 188 Christ Is the World’s Light • TFWS 2071 Jesus, Name above All Names

**Key to Resources:**
WS – Worship & Song  
ZSS – Zion Still Sings  
TCH – The Celebration Hymnal: Songs and Hymns for Worship  
GP2 – Global Praise 2: Songs for Worship & Witness  
URWB – Upper Room Worshipbook  
GP3 – Global Praise 3: More Songs for Worship & Witness  
TFWS – The Faith We Sing  
CH – Cokesbury Hymnal

**Numbers in parentheses after the Psalm** refer to the page number of the Psalter in The United Methodist Hymnal, 1989. The lectionary readings are from The United Methodist Book of Worship, 1992.

**Choreography:** Available at www.umfellowship.org/resources/fellowship-resources/lectionary-guide.

**Dramatic Reading:** Scriptures formatted for dramatic reading are from the NRSV and available free to Fellowship members in our Acting In Faith collection, available at www.umfellowship.org/resources/collections/acting-in-faith

**Script:** Also available at www.umfellowship.org/resources/collections/acting-in-faith
December 24, 2017, Fourth Sunday in Advent (Purple or Blue)
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 God's words of hope to David and descendants.
UMH 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Choreography)
TFWS 2188 The Family Prayer Song
Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)
UMH 200 Tell Out, My Soul • TFWS 2029 Praise to the Lord • GP2 88 Come, Lord Jesus
Romans 16:25-27 God will help you stand firm.
UMH 98 To God Be the Glory • TFWS 2033 Glory to God (Gloria a Dios)
UMH 218 It Came upon the Midnight Clear (Choreography)
TFWS 2122 She Comes Sailing on the Wind • WS 3157 Come, Let Us Dream

December 24, 2017, Christmas Eve (White or Gold)
Isaiah 9:2-7 For unto us a Child is born; Prince of Peace.
UMH 234 O Come, All Ye Faithful • TFWS 2075 King of Kings • GP3 126 All the Sky Is Bright
Psalm 96 (UMH 815)
UMH 176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty • TFWS 2279 The Trees of the Field
Titus 2:11-14 God shows grace. Control self as we wait for the day.
UMH 179 O Sing A Song of Bethlehem • TFWS 2255 In the Singing
UMH 245 The First Noel • UMH 217 Away In a Manger (Choreography)
TFWS 2096 Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow • WS 3063 If I Could Visit Bethlehem
UMH 219 Silent Night (Choreography)
UMH 229 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (Choreography)

December 25, 2017, Christmas Day (White or Gold)
Isaiah 52:7-10 The beauty of the messenger of peace. Script: The Most Beautiful Christmas Stocking
UMH 224 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice • TFWS 2097 One Holy Night in Bethlehem
Psalm 98 (UMH 818) Script: Sing a New Song
UMH 246 Joy to the World • TFWS 2074 Shout to the Lord
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12) God who spoke now speaks through Son.
UMH 238 Angels We Have Heard on High • TFWS 2276 Glory to God in the Highest
John 1:1-14 Word from beginning has become flesh. Script: Sing a New Song
UMH 234 O Come, All Ye Faithful • TFWS 2100 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne • ZSS 45 And the Word Is God
Additional resources for the day: WS 3043 Y ou, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd
UMH 219 What Child is This? (Choreography)
Peace, Peace (Choreography) BG 2143, arr. Bock, Fred Bock music, SATB

December 31, 2017, First Sunday After Christmas (White or Gold)
Isaiah 61:10–62:3 Rejoice Jerusalem. You will be victorious.
UMH 246 Joy to the World • TFWS 2075 King of Kings
Psalm 148 (UMH 861)
UMH 62 All Creatures of Our God and King • TFWS 2008 Let All Things Now Living
URWB 365 Psalm 148 (Sing the Lord a New Song)
Galatians 4:4-7 God sent Christ at right time. We are God's.
UMH 605 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters • TFWS 2248 Baptized In Water
UMH 249 There's a Song In the Air • URWB 25 Lord, Let Your Servant

January 6, 2018, Epiphany of the Lord (White or Gold)
Isaiah 60:1-6 Glory of God's people. All will come to them. Script: Rise!...and Shine?
UMH 152 I Sing the Almighty Power of God • TFWS 2005 Arise, Shine
Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 (795)
UMH 157 Jesus Shall Reign • TFWS 2182 When God Restored Our Common Life
CH 238 Praise Him! Praise Him!
Ephesians 3:1-12 God's plan shown to Paul: for Gentiles.
UMH 251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain • TFWS 2162 Grace Alone
Matthew 2:1-12 The visitors from the east.
UMH 254 We Three Kings (Choreography) • TFWS 2069 All Hail King Jesus
WS 3052 God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
After Epiphany

January 7, 2018, Baptism of the Lord, First Sunday After the Epiphany (White or Gold)

**Genesis 1:1-5** The days of creation.
- UMH 443 O God Who Shaped Creation • TFWS 2060 God the Sculptor of the Mountains

**Psalm 29 (UMH 761)**
- UMH 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee • TFWS 2076 O Blessed Spring

**Acts 19:1-7** Paul baptizes John’s followers.
- UMH 608 This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now • TFWS 2248 Baptized in Water
- URWB 66 Holy Spirit, Wind of Heaven

**Mark 1:4-11** John and Jesus’ baptism.
- UMH 252 When Jesus Came to Jordan • TFWS 2107 Wade in the Water (Choreography)
- WS 3165 Take Me to the Water

January 14, 2018, Second Sunday After the Epiphany, Human Relations Day (Green)

**1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)** The Lord calls Samuel.
- UMH 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See
- TFWS 2139 Oh, I Know the Lord’s Laid His Hands on Me

**Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854)** (Choreography: You Searched Me Lord)
- UMH 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty • TFWS 2052 The Lone, Wild Bird
- URWB 349 Psalm 139

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20** Your body is Christ’s.
- UMH 413 A Charge to Keep I Have • TFWS 2150 Lord, Be Glorified • WS 3112 Breathe

**John 1:43-51** Disciples called: Philip and Nathanael.
- UMH 451 Be Thou My Vision (Choreography)
- TFWS 2127 Come and See (Kyrie)

January 28, 2018, Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany (Green)

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20** Lord will raise up a prophet among you.
- UMH 108 God Hath Spoken by the Prophets • TFWS 2017 We Sing of Your Glory (Tuya Es la Gloria)

**Psalm 111 (UMH 832)**
- UMH 67 We, Thy People, Praise Thee • TFWS 2022 Great Is the Lord

**1 Corinthians 8:1-13** Concerning food offered to idols.
- UMH 557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds • TFWS 2228 Sacred the Body
- URWB 157 Fear Not, for I Have Redeemed You

**Mark 1:21-28** Jesus in Capernaum. Man with evil spirit.
- UMH 264 Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit (May be sung to alternate tune: BEACH SPRING)
- TFWS 2104 An Outcast among Outcasts • ZSS 32 In the Name of Jesus

February 4, 2018, Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany (Green)

**Isaiah 40:21-31** “Have you not known? They shall mount up...”
- UMH 452 My Faith Looks Up to Thee • TFWS 2281 May You Run and Not Be Weary
- WS 3021 Everlasting God • (Choreography: On Eagle’s Wings)

**Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (UMH 859)**
- UMH 160, 161 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart • TFWS 2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

**1 Corinthians 9:16-23** I have become all things to all people.
- UMH 181 Ye Servants of God • TFWS 2176 Make Me a Servant

**Mark 1:29-39** Jesus heals, retreats, preaches in Galilee.
- UMH 256 We Would See Jesus • TFWS 2197 Lord of All Hopefulness
- URWB 146 We Cannot Measure How You Feel
Lent, the 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays), begins with Ash Wednesday and runs for six Sundays including Passion/Palm Sunday. Earliest emphasis was upon preparation for baptism and membership. Later emphasis turned toward penitence. Recent practice is to return to discipline and learning in preparation for the Easter celebration. The color purple is traditionally associated with this season.
March 11, 2018, Fourth Sunday in Lent, UMCOR Sunday [Daylight Savings begins] (Purple)
Numbers 21:4-9 The serpent of bronze that could heal.
UMH 159 Lift High the Cross • TFWS 2053 If It Had Not Been for the Lord
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830)
UMH 192 There’s a Spirit in the Air • TFWS 2031 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise
Ephesians 2:1-10 In past were dead. Made alive in Christ.
UMH 385 Let Us Plead for Faith Alone • TFWS 2162 Grace Alone
WS 3097 Depth of Mercy
John 3:14-21 God sent Son not to condemn but save.
UMH 165 Hallelujah! What a Savior • TFWS 2036 Give Thanks
URWB 340 Everlasting Grace Is Yours • (Choreography: Holy Darkness)

March 18, 2018, Fifth Sunday in Lent (Purple)
Jeremiah 31:31-34 New Covenant. Written on human hearts.
UMH 417 O For a Heart to Praise My God
TFWS 2154 Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna • WS 3075 Glory in the Cross
Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)
UMH 420 Breathe on Me, Breath of God • TFWS 2152 Change My Heart, O God
Hebrews 5:5-10 Jesus prayed to be spared. But faithful.
UMH 289 Ah, Holy Jesus • TFWS 2083 My Song Is Love Unknown • URWB 276 The Sacrifice You Accept
John 12:20-33 “Final hour.” Son of Man to be glorified. Dramatic Reading: Jesus Will Be Glorified, Script: Let It Go
UMH 398 Jesus Calls Us • TFWS 2086 Open Our Eyes

March 25, 2018, Palm/Passion Sunday (Red/Scarlet or Purple)
Liturgy Mark 11:1-11 Jesus enters Jerusalem. Dramatic Reading: The Passion According to Mark
of the UMH 280 All Glory, Laud, and Honor • TFWS 2256 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)
Palms: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)
UMH 657 This Is the Day • TFWS 2111 We Sang Our Glad Hosannas
Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)
UMH 413 A Charge to Keep I Have • TFWS 2112 Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
Philippians 2:5-11 Christ empties self. His greatness.
UMH 193 Jesus! the Name High over All • TFWS 2100 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
URWB 78 The Word of God
UMH 286 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded • TFWS 2110 Why Has God Forsaken Me? • WS 3082 Who Is He

March 29, 2018, Holy Thursday (Red/Scarlet or Purple)
Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Instructions for observing the Passover.
UMH 448 Go Down, Moses • TFWS 2246 Deep in the Shadow of the Past
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)
UMH 523 Saranam, Saranam • TFWS 2141 There’s a Song
1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Jesus on night betrayed took bread ... cup.
UMH 615 For the Bread Which You Have Broken • TFWS 2263 Broken for Me
John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Jesus eats the Passover with disciples. Script: The Table Is Ready
UMH 624 Bread of the World
UMH 618 Let Us Break Bread Together (Choreography)
TFWS 2175 Together We Serve • TCH 545 Moment by Moment • WS 3075 Glory in the Cross

March 30, 2018, Good Friday (No Color)
Isaiah 52:13–53:12 The last of the Suffering Servant passages.
UMH 355 Depth of Mercy • TFWS 2127 Come and See (Kyrie)
Psalm 22 (UMH 752)
UMH 285 To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord • TFWS 2180 Why Stand So Far Away, My God
Hebrews 10:16-25 Let us come near God; encourage one another.
UMH 289 Ah, Holy Jesus • TFWS 2113 Lamb of God
UMH 287 O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done • WS 3084 O Christ, You Hang upon a Cross
UMH 288 Were You There (Choreography)
TFWS 2083 My Song Is Love Unknown • URWB 98 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd
Relates to all lections: Script: Lifted Up
Easter

April 1, 2018, Easter Day (White or Gold)
Acts 10:34-43 Peter’s speech: “God raised Christ.”  
UMH 610 We Know That Christ Is Raised • TFWS 2113 Lamb of God
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)  
UMH 308 Thine Be the Glory • TFWS 2084 Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise
UMH 702 Sing with All the Saints in Glory • TFWS 2116 Christ the Lord Is Risen
or Mark 16:1-8 Jesus is not here. Tell disciples. Scripts: Running from the Resurrection, Rolled Away  
UMH 313 Christo Vive (Christ Is Risen) • TFWS 2115 Christ Has Risen
UMH 261 Lord of the Dance (Choreography)

Additional resources for the day:
WS 3088 Easter Alleluia • ZSS 77 Raised, He’s Been Raised from the Dead

April 8, 2018, Second Sunday of Easter (White or Gold)
UMH 555 Forward Through the Ages • TFWS 2215 Cares Chorus
Psalm 133 (UMH 850)  
UMH 560 Help Us Accept Each Other (Choreography) • TFWS 2221 In Unity We Lift Our Song
1 John 1:1-2:2 The Word. God is light. If we sin, have advocate.  
UMH 632 Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether • TFWS 2149 Living for Jesus  
URWB 114 Christ, Be Our Light • WS 3163 Walking in the Light of God
UMH 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling • TFWS 2114 At the Font We Start Our Journey

April 15, 2018, Third Sunday of Easter, Native American Ministries Sunday (White or Gold)
UMH 577 God of Grace and God of Glory • TFWS 2123 Loving Spirit • WS 3166 Author of Life Divine
Psalm 4 (UMH 741)  
UMH 88 Maker, in Whom We Live • TFWS 2214 Lead Me, Guide Me
1 John 3:1-7 We are God's Children. Be like Jesus.  
UMH 175 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • ZSS 141 Guide My Feet (Choreography)  
TFWS 2248 Baptized in Water • UMH 632 Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether  
TFWS 2149 Living for Jesus • (Choreography: God Made Me)
UMH 596 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word • TFWS 2199 Stay with Us

April 22, 2018, Fourth Sunday of Easter, Festival of God’s Creation (White or Gold)
Acts 4:15-12 Peter and John before the Council.  
UMH 559 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation • TFWS 2220 We Are God's People
Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137) (Choreography)  
UMH 136 The Lord’s My Shepherd, I'll Not Want  
TFWS 2058 Shepherd Me, O God • URWB 244 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need  
WS 3175 Christ, We Come with Joy and Gladness
1 John 3:16-24 God’s commands: believe in Son, love others.  
UMH 408 The Gift of Love • TFWS 2178 Here Am I
John 10:11-18 “I am the Good Shepherd.”  
UMH 419 I Am Thine, O Lord • TFWS 2204 Light of the World

April 29, 2018, Fifth Sunday of Easter (White or Gold)
Acts 8:26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch. Dramatic Reading: Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch  
UMH 287 O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done  
TFWS 2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center • ZSS 190 Take Me to the Water
Psalm 22:25-31 (UMH 752)  
UMH 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee • TFWS 2029 Praise to the Lord
1 John 4:7-21 God is love. We love because he first loved us.  
UMH 98 To God Be the Glory • TFWS 2016 Glorify Thy Name
John 15:1-8 “I am the True Vine.”  
UMH 189 Fairest Lord Jesus • TFWS 2254 In Remembrance of Me  
WS 3155 The Lord of Life, a Vine Is He
May 6, 2018, Sixth Sunday of Easter (White or Gold)
   UMH 332 Spirit of Faith, Come Down • TFWS 2247 Wonder of Wonders
Psalm 98 (UMH 818)
   UMH 101 From All That Dwell Below the Skies • TFWS 2212 My Life Flows On
   WS 3001 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
1 John 5:1-6 Victory over world by those who believe.
   UMH 154 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name • TFWS 2178 Here Am I
   GP 150 Jesus a new commandment has given
John 15:9-17 Love one another as I have loved you.
   UMH 548 In Christ There Is No East or West • TFWS 2150 Lord, Be Glorified

May 13, 2018, Ascension of the Lord, Seventh Sunday of Easter, Festival of the Christian Home, Mother’s Day (White or Gold)
   UMH 327 Crown Him with Many Crowns • TFWS 2070 He Is Exalted
Psalm 47 (UMH 781)
   UMH 157 Jesus Shall Reign • TFWS 2033 Glory to God (Gloria a Dios)
Ephesians 1:15-23 Power working in us: same as raised Jesus.
   UMH 326 The Head That Once Was Crowned • TFWS 2075 King of Kings
   ZSS 114 There Is a Balm
   UMH 324 Hail Thee, Festival Day • TFWS 2069 All Hail King Jesus
   WS 3087 O Christ, When You Ascended

May 20, 2018, Day of Pentecost, Heritage Sunday (Red or White)
Acts 2:1-21 Account of Pentecost and descent of Spirit. (Choreography: Pentecost Scripture Dance), Script: Out of Control
   UMH 358 We Are the Church • TFWS 2077 You Alone Are Holy (Sólo Tú Eres Santo)
   URWB 66 Holy Spirit, Wind of Heaven • WS 3092 Come, Holy Spirit
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)
   UMH 596 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word • TFWS 2018 Bless His Holy Name
Romans 8:22-27 All creation groans. Spirit pleads for us.
   UMH 420 Breathe on Me, Breath of God • TFWS 2117 Spirit of God
   UMH 393 Spirit of the Living God (Choreography)
   UMH 331 Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us • TFWS 2119 Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

May 27, 2018, Trinity Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday (White or Gold)
Isaiah 6:1-8 Isaiah’s vision in the Temple and his call. Dramatic Reading: Isaiah’s Vision
   UMH 436 The Voice of God Is Calling • TFWS 2039 Holy, Holy
   WS 3118 Take This Moment, Sign, and Space • GP 21 Holy, Holy, Holy
Psalm 29 (UMH 761)
   UMH 61 Come, Thou Almighty King • TFWS 2033 Glory to God (Gloria a Dios)
Romans 8:12-17 You received spirit of being an heir of God.
   UMH 404 Every Time I Feel the Spirit (Choreography) • TFWS 2052 The Lone, Wild Bird
John 3:17 Jesus and Nicodemus. “God so loved...” Dramatic Reading: Nicodemus & Jesus
   UMH 605 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
   TFWS 2122 She Comes Sailing on the Wind

After Pentecost

May 27, 2018, Trinity Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday (White or Gold)
Isaiah 6:1-8 Isaiah’s vision in the Temple and his call. Dramatic Reading: Isaiah’s Vision
   UMH 436 The Voice of God Is Calling • TFWS 2039 Holy, Holy
   WS 3118 Take This Moment, Sign, and Space • GP 21 Holy, Holy, Holy
Psalm 29 (UMH 761)
   UMH 61 Come, Thou Almighty King • TFWS 2033 Glory to God (Gloria a Dios)
Romans 8:12-17 You received spirit of being an heir of God.
   UMH 404 Every Time I Feel the Spirit (Choreography) • TFWS 2052 The Lone, Wild Bird
John 3:17 Jesus and Nicodemus. “God so loved...” Dramatic Reading: Nicodemus & Jesus
   UMH 605 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
   TFWS 2122 She Comes Sailing on the Wind

June 3, 2018, Second Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
1 Samuel 3:1-20 Call of Samuel. “Speak even though warned.”
   UMH 593 Here I Am, Lord • TFWS 2176 Make Me a Servant
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854)
   URWB 349 Psalm 139 • GP 61 O God, You Search Me
2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Preaching Christ. Treasure in clay pots.
   SOZ 132 This Little Light of Mine • TFWS 2204 Light of the World
   GP 67 When You Wake in the Morning
   UMH 262 Heal Me, Hands of Jesus • URWB 161 Healer of Our Every Ill

After Pentecost: We enter now a period when all three readings in the Common Lectionary go their separate directions. Because this period covers half of the year, one might want to experiment to provide some variety in color beyond the recommended green. Perhaps the season might begin with green and move toward warmer colors of brown, yellow, orange as the year progresses. In the last several Sundays the readings begin to speak of “end times,” beginning to prepare us for the coming Advent season. And we prepare once more to start the cycle.
June 10, 2018, Third Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15) Israelites want a king; Samuel warns against it. They persist.
   UMH 433 All Who Love and Serve Your City • TFWS 2243 We All Are One in Mission
Psalm 138 (UMH 853)
   UMH 102 Now Thank We All Our God • TFWS 2221 In Unity We Lift Our Song
2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1 Affliction preparing us for eternal glory.
   UMH 650 Give Me the Faith Which Can Remove • ZSS 151 Living in the Imagination of God
   TFWS 2004 Praise the Source of Faith and Learning
Mark 3:20-35 House divided against itself. Who are my mother and brothers?
   UMH 164 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

June 17, 2018, Fourth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
1 Samuel 15:34–16:13 Samuel deserts Saul. David is anointed. Dramatic Reading: David is Anointed
   UMH 408 The Gift of Love • TFWS 2164 Sanctuary
Psalm 20 or 72 (UMH 795)
   UMH 160 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart • TFWS 2074 Shout to the Lord
2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11-13), 14-17 Living by Faith. Pleasing the Lord.
   UMH 545 The Church's One Foundation • TFWS 2195 In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful
   ZSS 139 Some Day
Mark 4:26-34 Parables of growing seed and mustard seed.
   UMH 583 Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed)
   TFWS 2060 God the Sculptor of the Mountains • URWB 125 Seed, Scattered and Sown

June 24, 2018, Fifth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23)32-49 David and Goliath.
   UMH 577 God of Grace and God of Glory
   TFWS 2139 Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me
Psalm 9:9-20 (UMH 744)
   UMH 110 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God • TFWS 2001 We Sing to You, O God
2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Now is the time. We are God’s servants.
   UMH 377 It Is Well with My Soul • TFWS 2226 Bind Us Together
Mark 4:35–41 Jesus calms a storm, heals disturbed man.
   UMH 476 Lonely the Boat • TFWS 2191 Eternal Father, Strong to Save
   WS 3101 Love Lifted Me (Mark) • ZSS 164 Stand by Me

July 1, 2018, Sixth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 David's lament for Saul and Jonathan.
   UMH 480 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
   TFWS 2216 When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise • URWB 140 O Day of Peace
Psalm 130 (UMH 848)
   UMH 516 Canticle of Redemption • TFWS 2136 Out of the Depths
   WS 3131 Hear My Prayer, O God
2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Christian giving: helping poor comrades.
   UMH 340 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy • TFWS 2197 Lord of All Hopefulness
Mark 5:21–43 Raising young girl from the dead. Dramatic Reading: Jesus Heals a Girl and a Woman.
   Script: A Healing Touch
   UMH 266 Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer • TFWS 2064 O Lord, You’re Beautiful

July 8, 2018, Seventh Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 David becomes King, establishes Jerusalem.
   UMH 438 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord • TFWS 2203 In His Time
Psalm 48 (UMH 782)
   UMH 77 How Great Thou Art • TFWS 2022 Great Is the Lord
   GP 13 To our God bring adoration
2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Paul's afflictions. God's vision and grace.
   UMH 378 Amazing Grace • TFWS 2149 Living for Jesus
   TCH 714-716 God Will Provide: A Worship Sequence
Mark 6:1-13 Jesus rejected at Nazareth. Sends out 12. Dramatic Reading: Jesus is Rejected at Home
   UMH 649 How Shall They Hear the Word of God • TFWS 2040 Awesome God
July 15, 2018, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Ark of Covenant brought to Jerusalem.
UMH 66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven • TFWS 2026 Halle, Halle, Halleluja
GP 2 103 Sound a Mystic Bamboo Song
Psalm 24 (UMH 755)
UMH 213 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates • TFWS 2091 The King of Glory Comes
Ephesians 1:3-14 Spiritual blessing in Christ. Chosen.
UMH 518 O Thou, in Whose Presence • WS 3119 Take, O Take Me As I Am
TFWS 2155 Best Are They (Choreography: September-October 2011)
Mark 6:14-29 Death of John the Baptist. Dramatic Reading: Death of John the Baptist
UMH 708 Rejoice in God's Saints • TFWS 2283 For All the Saints

July 22, 2018, Ninth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
2 Samuel 7:1-14a “You won’t make a house for me. I’ll make you.”
UMH 93 Let All the World in Every Corner Sing • TFWS 2001 We Sing to You, O God
Psalm 89:20-37 (UMH 807)
UMH 157 Jesus Shall Reign • TFWS 2002 I Will Call upon the Lord
Ephesians 2:11-22 We are all one in Christ who is our peace.
UMH 540 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord • TFWS 2220 We Are God’s People
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Jesus teaches from boat. Heals sick.
UMH 263 When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee • TFWS 2202 Come Away with Me
WS 3139 We Cannot Measure How You Heal • ZSS 119 Heal Me

July 29, 2018, Tenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
2 Samuel 11:1-15 David and Bathsheba. Uriah sent to death. Dramatic Reading: David and Bathsheba
UMH 450 Creator of the Earth and Skies • TFWS 2048 God Weeps
Psalm 14 (UMH 746)
UMH 523 Saranam, Saranam • TFWS 2004 Praise the Source of Faith and Learning
Ephesians 3:14-21 Paul’s prayer that we know Christ’s love.
UMH 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
TFWS 2230 Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing • WS 3177 Here I Am to Worship
UMH 444 O Young and Fearless Prophet • TFWS 2218 You Are Mine • URWB 207 Now, on Land and Sea Descending

August 5, 2018, Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a Nathan’s parable of sheep. “You are that man!” Dramatic Reading: Nathan Confronts David
UMH 390 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive • TFWS 2027 Now Praise the Hidden God of Love
Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)
UMH 417 O For a Heart to Praise My God • TFWS 2133 Give Me a Clean Heart
Ephesians 4:1-16 Show your love by keeping unity of body.
UMH 114 Many Gifts, One Spirit (Choreography) • TFWS 2196 We Walk by Faith
ZSS 99 We All Are One in Mission
John 6:24-35 Feeding explanation: I am the bread of life. Dramatic Reading: The Bread of Life
UMH 565 Father, We Thank You • TFWS 2204 Light of the World • WS 3040 You Are My All in All

August 12, 2018, Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 David and son Absalom. Absalom killed.
UMH 700 Abide with Me • TFWS 2213 Healer of Our Every Ill
Psalm 130 (UMH 848)
UMH 534 Be Still, My Soul • TFWS 2244 People Need the Lord • WS 3141 Holy Darkness (Choreography)
Ephesians 4:25–5:2 Live in love, as did Christ.
UMH 632 Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether • TFWS 2061 Praise Our God Above
John 6:35, 41-51 I am the living bread.
UMH 616 Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast • TFWS 2261 Life-giving Bread • ZSS 198 Halleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona

August 19, 2018, Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
1 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14 David dies. Solomon becomes king, dreams.
UMH 60 I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath • TFWS 2029 Praise to the Lord
Psalm 111 (UMH 832)
UMH 84 Thank You, Lord • TFWS 2040 Awesome God • ZSS 25 Glorious Is the Name of Jesus
Ephesians 5:15-20 Instruction about how to live.
UMH 500 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart • TFWS 2036 Give Thanks
John 6:51-58 Whoever eats my flesh has eternal life.
UMH 624 Bread of the World • TFWS 2263 Broken for Me • WS 3074 Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land
August 26, 2018, Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11)22-30, 41-43 Solomon's prayer in the temple.
   UMH 93 Let All the World in Every Corner Sing • TFWS 2272 Holy Ground
Psalm 84 (UMH 804)
   UMH 88 Maker, in Whom We Live • TFWS 2042 How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely • ZSS 187 My Soul Loves Jesus
Ephesians 6:10-20 Put on the whole armor of God.
   UMH 514 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus • TFWS 2055 You Are My Hiding Place
John 6:56-69 You have the words that give eternal life. Dramatic Reading: Words That Give Eternal Life
   UMH 178 Hope of the World • TFWS 2042 Holy Ground

September 2, 2018, Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Song of Songs 2:8-13 "My lover is like..." a time for love.
   UMH 643 When Love Is Found • TFWS 2071 Jesus, Name above All Names
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or 72 (UMH 795)
   UMH 247 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright • TFWS 2068 I Love You, Lord
   URWB 100 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
James 1:17-27 True religion: act on God’s Word. Dramatic Reading: Act on God’s Word
   UMH 549 Where Charity and Love Prevail
   TFWS 2044 My Gratitude Now Accept, O God (Gracias, Señor) • ZSS 146 Just One Word from You
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 They teach human laws as though they are God’s.
   UMH 417 O For a Heart to Praise My God • TFWS 2152 Change My Heart, O God

September 9, 2018, Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Wisdom about the poor.
   UMH 592 When the Church of Jesus • TFWS 2186 Song of Hope (Canto de Esperanza)
Psalm 125 or 124 (UMH 846)
   UMH 141 Children of the Heavenly Father • TFWS 2055 You Are My Hiding Place • ZSS 90 Dwell in Unity
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17 Warning over prejudice against the poor. Dramatic Reading: Prejudice Against the Poor
   UMH 560 Help Us Accept Each Other (Choreography) • TFWS 2149 Living for Jesus • WS 3117 Rule of Life
Mark 7:24-37 Jesus heals deaf-mute person.
   UMH 367 He Touched Me • TFWS 2040 Awesome God

September 16, 2018, Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Proverbs 1:20-33 Wisdom calls to the foolish ones.
   UMH 577 God of Grace and God of Glory • TFWS 2004 Praise the Source of Faith and Learning
   URWB 99 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom
Psalm 19 (UMH 750)
   UMH 77 How Great Thou Art • UMH 92 For the Beauty of the Earth (Choreography)
   TFWS 2065 More Precious than Silver
James 3:1-12 Using and controlling the tongue. Dramatic Reading: Controlling the Tongue
   UMH 463 Lord, Speak to Me • TFWS 2082 Woke Up This Morning • ZSS 20-22 I Will Celebrate Medley
Mark 8:27-38 "Who do you say I am?" Messiah must suffer.
   UMH 415 Take Up Thy Cross • TFWS 2130 The Summons

September 23, 2018, Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Proverbs 31:10-31 The capable wife. She is honored.
   UMH 695 O Lord, May Church and Home Combine • TFWS 2003 Praise You
Psalm 1 (UMH 738) (Choreography: Prayer of St. Francis)
   UMH 601 Thy Word Is a Lamp • TFWS 2270 He Has Made Me Glad • URWB 223 Happy Are They
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Wisdom from above. Problems from desires. Dramatic Reading: Wisdom From Above
   UMH 397 I Need Thee Every Hour • TFWS 2159 Jesus, Draw Me Close
Mark 9:30-37 Jesus speaks of his death again.
   UMH 191 Jesus Loves Me • TFWS 2171 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace • WS 3120 Amazing Abundance
Additional resource for the day:
   Anthem: Keep Your Lamps, Andre Thomas, Hinshaw Music HMC577, SATB, SSA or TTBB (Choreography)

September 30, 2018, Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 The Jews are spared.
   UMH 126 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above • TFWS 2146 His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Psalm 124 (UMH 846)
   UMH 142 If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee • TFWS 2053 If It Had Not Been for the Lord • URWB 248 To You, O Lord
James 5:13-20 Warning to the rich. Made fat for slaughter. Dramatic Reading: Praying for the Sick
   UMH 492 Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire • TFWS 2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying • WS 3121 If You Believe and I Believe
Mark 9:38-50 Those not against us are for us. Salt.
   UMH 467 Trust and Obey • TFWS 2196 We Walk by Faith • ZSS 140 If I Can Help Somebody
October 7, 2018, Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost, World Communion Sunday (Green)
Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Job tested by Satan.
  UMH 517 By Gracious Powers • TFWS 2105 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert
Psalm 26 or 25 (UMH 756)
  UMH 540 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord • TFWS 2221 In Unity We Lift Our Song
Hebrews 1:1-4, 5-12 God’s word through Son. Leads us to salvation.
  UMH 193 Jesus! the Name High over All • TFWS 2023 How Majestic Is Your Name
Mark 10:2-16 Marriage and divorce. Jesus blesses children. Dramatic Reading: Jesus Blesses the Children
  UMH 643 When Love Is Found • TFWS 2092 Like a Child
Additional resource for the day: UMH 620 One Bread, One Body (Choreography)

October 14, 2018, Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost, Children’s Sabbath (Green)
Job 23:1-9; 16-17 Job looks for God to present his case.
  UMH 474 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Psalm 22:1-15 (UMH 752)
  UMH 400 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Hebrews 4:12-16 Word is sharper than sword; be of good courage.
  UMH 400 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
  UMH 468 Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See • TFWS 2127 Come and See (Kyrie)
URWB 143 Come Follow Me

October 21, 2018, Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost, Laity Sunday (Green)
Job 38:1-7 (34-41) God responds to Job. “I am the Creator.”
  UMH 152 I Sing the Almighty Power of God • TFWS 2018 Bless His Holy Name
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826)
  UMH 88 Maker, in Whom We Live • TFWS 2037 I Sing Praises to Your Name • ZSS 36 The Glory Song
Hebrews 5:1-10 Jesus became perfect. God chose High Priest.
  UMH 731 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken • TFWS 2083 My Song Is Love Unknown
  UMH 581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service • TFWS 2175 Together We Serve
URWB 116 Jesu, Jesu

October 28, 2018, Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Job responds: “You are all powerful. I repent.”
  UMH 101 From All That Dwells below the Skies • TFWS 2212 My Life Flows On
Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) (UMH 769)
  UMH 158 Come, Christians, Join to Sing • TFWS 2126 All Who Hunger
WS 3162 Stand in Awe • URWB 257 The Cry of the Poor
Hebrews 7:23-28 God’s love great: we are now God’s children.
  UMH 606 Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine • TFWS 2071 Jesus, Name Above All Names
Mark 10:46-52 Jesus heals the blind Bartimaeus. Dramatic Reading: Blind Bartimaeus, Script: Voices from the Sidelines
  UMH 451 Be Thou My Vision (Choreography)
  TFWS 2086 Open Our Eyes

November 4, 2018, All Saints Sunday [Daylight Savings ends] (White or Red)
Isaiah 25:6-9 God prepares a banquet for all the nations.
  UMH 313 Christo Vive (Christ Is Risen) • TFWS 2264 Come to the Table
Psalm 24 (UMH 755)
  UMH 213 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates • TFWS 2091 The King of Glory Comes
Revelation 21:1-6a “I saw a new heaven and a new earth.”
  UMH 383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings • TFWS 2087 We Will Glorify the King of Kings
WS 3109 Living Spirit, Holy Fire
John 11:32-44 Jesus brings Lazarus back to life. Dramatic Reading: The Raising of Lazarus
  UMH 154-155 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name • TFWS 2106 When Jesus Wept
Additional resources for the day:
  UMH 707 Hymn of Promise (Choreography)
  TFWS 2155 Best Are They (Choreography)
  UMH 711 For All the Saints (Choreography)
November 11, 2018, Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
UMH 647 Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here
TFWS 2230 Lord We Come to Ask Your Blessing
Psalm 127 or 42 (UMH 777)
UMH 445 Happy the Home When God Is There • TFWS 2188 The Family Prayer Song
URWB 267 As the Deer
Hebrews 9:24-28 Jesus is High Priest, is priest forever.
UMH 470 My God, I Love Thee • TFWS 2259 Victim Divine
Mark 12:38-44 Warning about phariseeism. Widow’s mite.
UMH 87 What Gift Can We Bring (Choreography)
TFWS 2153 I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me • ZSS 99 We All Are One in Mission

November 18, 2018, Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost, Bible Sunday (Green)
1 Samuel 1:4-20 Hannah and Eli give birth to Samuel.
Dramatic Reading: Hannah’s Prayer and the Birth of Samuel
UMH 611 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise • TFWS 2189 A Mother Lined a Basket
1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113 (UMH 834)
UMH 198 My Soul Gives Glory to My God • TFWS 2036 Give Thanks
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25 Sins taken away once for all.
UMH 362 Nothing but the Blood • TFWS 2140 Since Jesus Came into My Heart
Mark 13:1-8 Warning about “end times.”
UMH 714 I Know Whom I Have Believed • TFWS 2195 In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful
ZSS 135 Goin’ Up Yonder

November 25, 2018, Christ the King/Reign of Christ (White or Gold)
2 Samuel 23:1-7 David’s final words. God made eternal covenant.
UMH 203 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed • TFWS 2063 You Are Worthy (Eres Digno)
Psalm 132:1-12 (UMH 849)
UMH 328 Surely the Presence of the Lord
TFWS 2049 God Is Here Today (Dios Esta Aqui)
Revelation 1:4b-8 Jesus the king made us a kingdom of priests.
UMH 157 Jesus Shall Reign • TFWS 2070 He Is Exalted • WS 3186 Days of Elijah
John 18:33-37 Pilate asks Jesus: “Are you a king?”
UMH 569 We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations • TFWS 2069 All Hail King Jesus
URWB 93 Christ Is the Truth, the Way
Additional resource for the day:
Anthem: As Water to the Thirsty, Timothy Dudley-Smith/John Carter, Hope Publishing JC 297, SATB (Choreography)

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