

# Advent

the coming of Jesus Christ

## Personal | How to Use This Bag as an Individual

Advent is a season of the liturgical year when Christians observe a season of waiting both for the Nativity of Jesus and His second coming. We pray the guide and the other things in this bag help you prepare your hearts for the coming Jesus.



The Village Church  
Advent Spotify Playlist

The included guide is from The Village Church and was published last year. Some of the activities may not be possible amidst a pandemic. You will find in this bag a package for each week. This page describes what each package holds and how to use it with the guide.

### Week 1

#### Candles

Use these to make an advent wreath. You will use the candles and wreath each week as you follow the guide.

#### Card

Identify a friend you would like to be intentional with your relationship. Send them an invitation for a coffee date.

### Week 2

#### Hot Cocoa:

Enjoy a hot cup of cocoa while you finish this week's reflection and response section of the guide.



## Week 3

### Card

Use for this week's response activity and or writing a letter to a member of our congregation who is isolated this season. See included list.

### Appreciation Card

Add an encouraging note and your name. Then attach to a sealed, store bought treat and deliver it to your local servicemen and women (police, fire, hospital, etc.).

## Week 5

### Popsicle Sticks

One way God's children prepare for Jesus' return is by caring for the poor, vulnerable, and outcast. Think of practical ways you can care for others in your area. Write one idea on every stick. Then each month in 2021, draw one to do. We suggest finding a jar or box to keep them in, and place it in a visible spot in the house. See included list of some of Briarcliff's local mission partners for ideas.

## Week 4

### Card

Write a letter to a missionary. Bring the letter back to the church and we will send them all together. See included list of missionaries that Briarcliff supports.

### Luminaries

Set them up as a reminder of the star that led others to Jesus.

### Ornament

This is an ornament crafted from olive trees in Jerusalem. Talk about the meaning of the image and how it points people to Jesus.

