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Mission Moment

Today we begin the celebration of Advent which spans the four Sundays prior to Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve.

Advent marks the beginning of another year in the cycle of Scriptures that presents the narrative of the love of God revealed to the world.

The first week of Advent points directly at Christ's coming. It is a time of hope and encouragement.....as we practice "waiting".

Advent is a time for reflection, for "pause". It is counter to our cultural norms. When we contrast the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season with the practices of Advent, we know this to be true. When we take "pause"..... And peer into the simple stable where Jesus made His grand entrance into the world, we see that Jesus is a different kind of King.

The gentle call for us to "wait" is competing with Christmas shopping countdown and frantic holiday activities. Advent reminds us of why we are celebrating the true gift of Christmas. It is a time that we are reminded that no gift will ever compare to what we received when Jesus came to earth as one of us.