

The Christian Year

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COLORING THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

This coloring chart—especially engaging for children and youth, but appropriate for people of all ages—is offered as a resource for teaching about the shape and seasons of the Christian year.

Use the key below to fill in the chart with the designated liturgical colors. The outer ring of the circle is Sunday and the inner ring is Saturday, with the rest of the days of the week in between. Some hints are provided to help you get your bearings in the 2009–2010 liturgical year. (Note: These dates will differ in future years.) Remember that when a festival falls in the middle of a liturgical season, the days around that festival retain the color of that season; for example, Baptism of the Lord (Sunday, January 10, 2010) and All Saints Day (Monday, November 1, 2010) are white, while the days surrounding them are green.

- Season of Advent, four Sundays (A1-4): purple or blue
- Nativity of the Lord, December 25 (NL): white
- Season of Christmas, (one or) two Sundays (C1-2): white and gold
- Epiphany of the Lord, January 6 (EL): white
- Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 2010 (BL): white
- Ordinary Time One, January 7–February 16, 2010 (begins at O1): green
- Transfiguration of the Lord, February 14, 2010 (TL): white
- Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010 (AW): purple
- Season of Lent, six Sundays including Passion/Palm Sunday (L1-5, PP): purple
- Passion/Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010 (PP): purple and/or red
- Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010 (MT): after stripping the church, no color
- Good Friday, April 2, 2010 (GF): no color
- Resurrection of the Lord, April 4, 2010 (RL): white
- Season of Easter, seven Sundays (RL, E2-7): white and gold
- Ascension of the Lord, May 13, 2010 (AL): white
- Day of Pentecost, May 23, 2010 (DP): red
- Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2010 (TS): white
- Ordinary Time Two, May 31–November 20, 2010 (begins at O2): green
- All Saints' Day, November 1 (AS): white
- Christ the King, November 21, 2010 (CK): white

You may also download this chart at the *Call to Worship* website: www.pcusa.org/calltoworship/liturgy.

