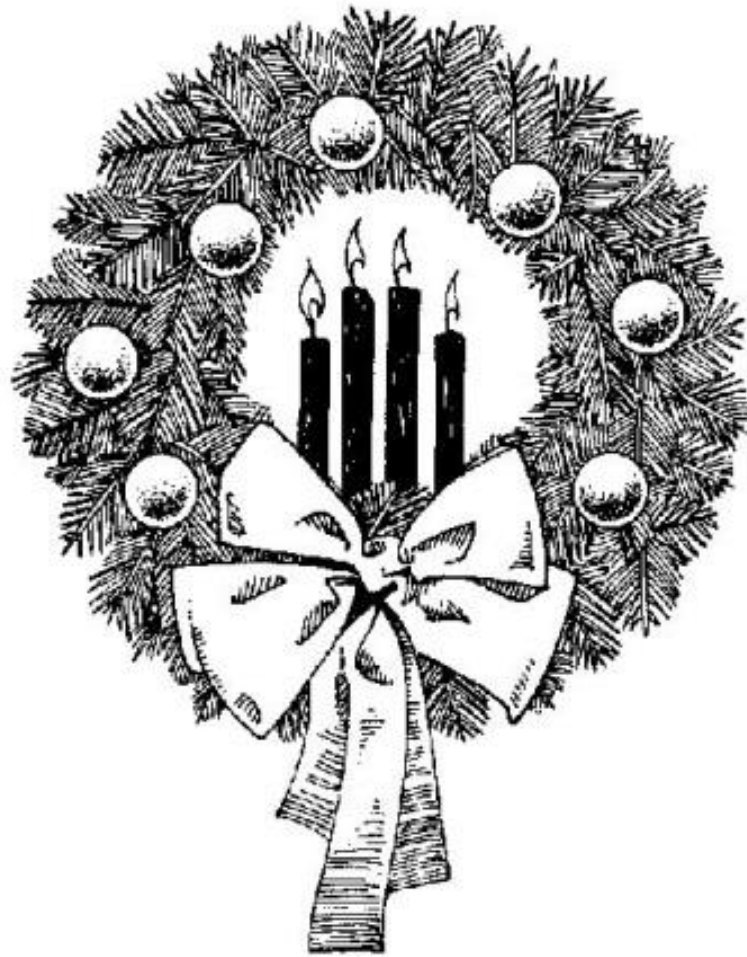


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Love from your family

My Edwards family in Heaven

By: Gaynelle Edwards Riddick

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Our departed parents, James T. Gillette, Jr. & Roland & Rebecca Vaughan

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My Bill & his family in Heaven

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By: Stacy, Jake & Tess

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Gaynelle Riddick – a truly wonderful Aunt

By: Kent & Jennifer Stephenson

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning.

Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the *second* coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning “coming” or “visit,” begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve.

Although we are accustomed to celebrating Christmas on a single day, in both Christian tradition and on the Church calendar, the Christmas season lasts for the twelve days from December 25 – January 6. As Taylor Burton-Edwards notes, the Christmas Season “begins with the birth of Jesus and gives us two full weeks to encounter the extraordinary love, threats, dangers, and opportunities God's Incarnation [in the birth of Jesus] set off then and still sets off today.”

God entered our world, not as a conqueror, but an infant, demonstrating the depth of God's love — and a radical vision of peace and love — for all creation.

May your hearts be filled with expectant preparation, anticipatory hope, and joyful gratitude this season!

