

Advent means “coming.”

During Advent we wait in anticipation for the coming of Christ.

We anticipate in two ways: we anticipate the commemoration of the birth of Christ, and we anticipate Christ’s second coming.

The hope expressed by Isaiah and Jeremiah is also our hope. What is this hope? This hope is in trusting that through the coming Messiah there will be salvation and peace.

The petition shared by Wesley is therefore also our petition:

1) We petition God to free us from our sins.

2) We petition God to be our Lord and King.

Our challenge is for us to recenter our holy season, making it about the coming Christ above all other things.