

## **How the Church Tells Time**

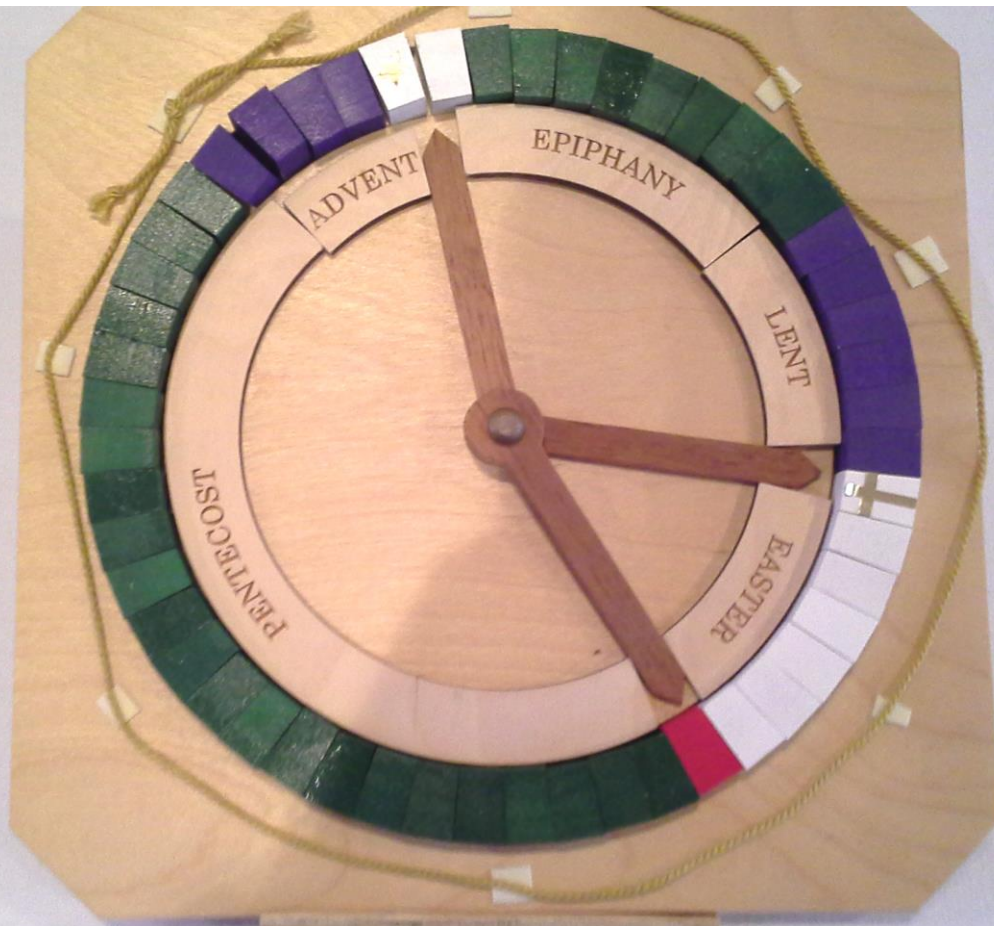
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Good morning! I want to share with you this morning one of the stories from CW&W. It is called **How the Church Tells Time**. It is a puzzle of the church calendar. Today we mark the close of the church liturgical year. This Sunday is known as 'Christ the King' - 'Reign of Christ' – or the last Sunday in the Season after Pentecost! Once again we have walked through the events of Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection and the life of the church. We are going to pay attention to the beginning and the ending of our church year and to each of the Sabbaths - the Sundays of our liturgical calendar and the seasons they observe.

Sunday before last we told the story the **Ten Best Ways to Live** upstairs in our children's worship room. One of the ten best ways to live is: Keep the Sabbath holy, to rest and remember the gifts of Creation. Each of the 52 cubes or blocks in our wooden puzzle corresponds to a Sunday, a Sabbath, a holy day.

[Tell **How the Church Tells Time**]

Our Lectionary Readings from Scripture, with which many of us work each day, are determined by a three year cycle. Today we are completing Year C and next Sunday we will begin Year A. The lavender sheet in the hallway has our Lectionary Readings for the beginning of the new church year- the Advent Season- next Sunday. I am grateful for the insight and understanding which this little story has given me. I hope this has been helpful to you. Although our new liturgical year does not begin until next Sunday, I want to be the first, perhaps the only one, to wish you all a Happy New Church Year!



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