

When I was a small child, I always thought when people talked about Advent, they were saying “an event” and I thought “the event” everyone at church was talking about was Christmas. So during church as the priest would light the candles on the “event wreath” I knew we were getting closer and closer to Christmas! I couldn’t wait to get to church the next Sunday and see how close we were to Christmas and I was giddy with anticipation!

As I grew into a teen, I learned about Advent in youth group and I was taken aback that I had it wrong for so long! I went home that day and thought about everything I had mistaken as a child and thought I had to completely rethink the Christmas season, but as I thought about it, I realized that perhaps I wasn’t too far off while thinking about the “event wreath” and the “event season.” Jesus’ birth is an event worth waiting for with growing anticipation and I appreciated my child-like wonder associated with the Advent season.