



A *dvent*. A word from times long ago when “old” was spelled with an *e*... as in “ye olde days.” Those who use the word today often associate advent with old time religion and chocolate, as in, “Who opened the Advent calendar and stole all the chocolate!?”

But the true *advent* is worth knowing about and reclaiming. Advent literally refers to an *arrival* or *appearance*. Advent’s central referent is the *arrival* of God’s kingdom. The long-awaited reign of God’s hope, peace, joy and love *appeared* on earth in the person we worship as our blessed Hope, our Prince of peace, the Joy of the nations and Lover of humanity. This issue of *CWRm* begins by touching on those four themes—a cosmic, royal arrival embodied in the *advent* of our Lord Jesus Christ. □

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