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# ADVENT TO EPIPHANY 2020

TRADITIONS INTERRUPTED

ADAPTED

REINTERPRETED

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# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

NAME & ROLE

CHURCH

SIZE OF WORSHIPING COMMUNITY

WORSHIP STYLE



# ADVENT TRADITIONS

- Hanging of the Greens/Decorating the Church
- Lighting the Advent Wreath
- Poinsettias
- Banners
- Stoles and Paraments
- Advent Hymns
- Christmas Cantata
- Children's Christmas Pageant
- Building a Nativity
- Advent Craft Festivals
- Special Dinners or other annual family gatherings
- Longest Night Service

ADVENT: WHAT ELSE?





# ADAPTING ADVENT

- Online Challenges

- How to mark time through the weeks and ritualize in a new or different way?
- What traditions might translate well?
- What could move to home worship and devotion?
- How could some traditions be re-worked or re-interpreted for this format?
- Come and Go Communion prohibited by THM, online communion prohibited by council of bishops decision (2013)
- Could there be drive through option for family? Decorate outside of church for family visits?

- In Person Challenges

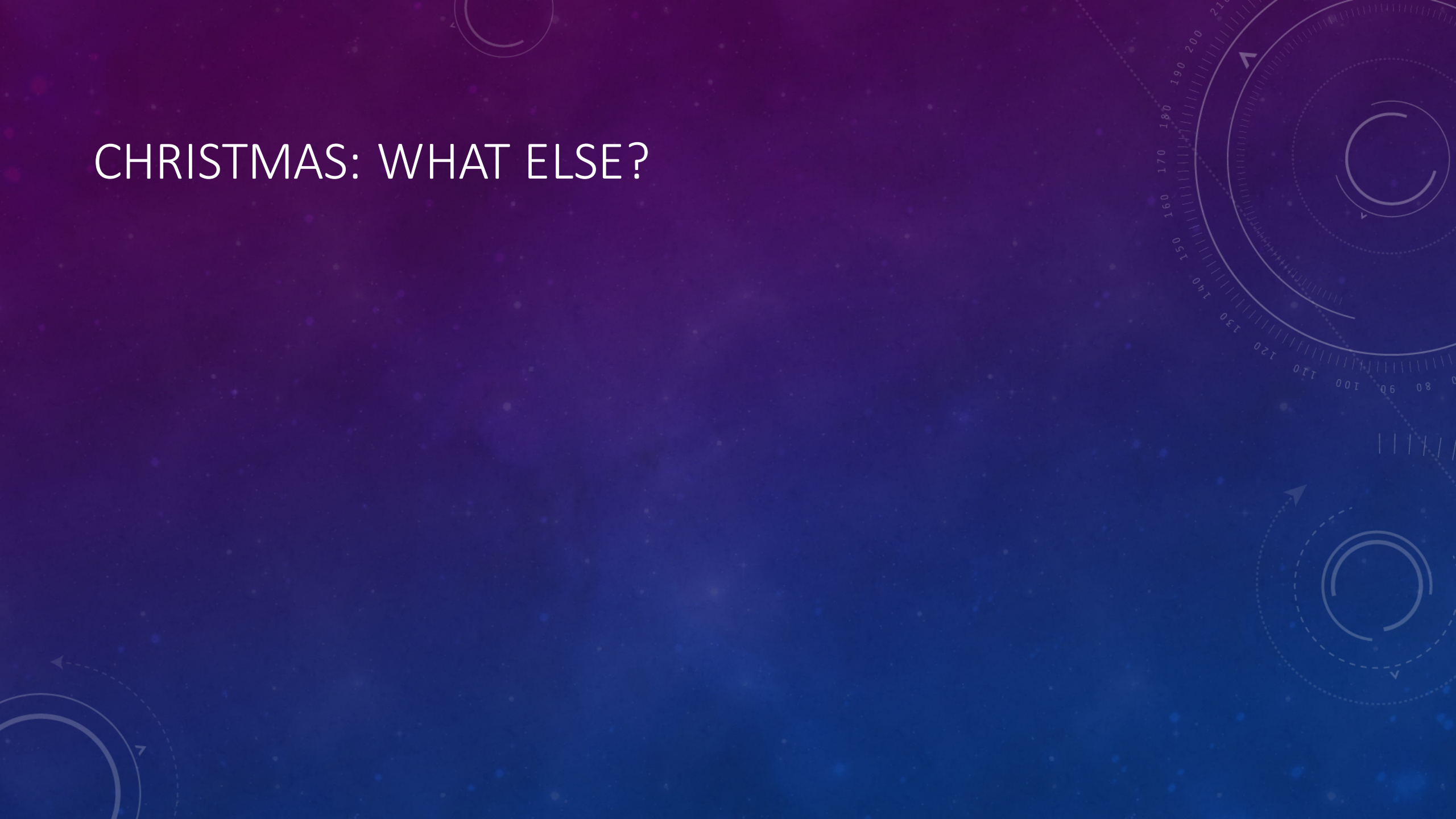
- Difficulty with decorating safely
- Should we plan for elaborate decorations if it is possible, even likely, we could have to go online?
- Scale back or limit decorations. Streamline and simplify. What really matters? Why? How do these annual rituals build the expectation of the birth?
- Need to offer at least two options (online AND in person) limits what we can do in each.
- Music will need small ensembles that are augmented or enhanced with visuals and recorded music

# CHRISTMAS SEASON

- Christmas Eve Services
- Christmas Day Service
- Holy Communion
- Christmas Eve Family Service
- Hallelujah Chorus
- Silent Night with Candlelight
- Luminaries
- Special Banners
- Los Posodos
- Sunday after Christmas Pajama Service
- Watch Night
- Wesleyan Covenant Service



CHRISTMAS: WHAT ELSE?



# ADAPTING CHRISTMAS EVE

- Online: How can we embody incarnation when we are disembodied?
  - Emphasize music and message
  - Could people have candles at home? Would that even be meaningful?
  - What can we do to help people FEEL the spirit of the service in their bodies?
  - What about communion online?
  - No children's pageant
- In Person: What must we adjust?
  - How many can attend Christmas Eve? How do you choose ?
  - Advent wreath lighting? No spoken responses, need to not share microphones, need to sanitize
  - No children's pageant
  - No food sharing
  - No singing or speaking aloud together



# EPIPHANY

- Three Wise Men
- "We Three Kings"
- Taking down the decorations (if they were put up)

THANK YOU!

