

The Unnerving Season

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Confronting the fierce reality of Advent

1. What memories do you have of the sights and sounds of your childhood Christmases?
2. Paula Frost writes, “Each year as we approach Advent, annual habits of observance work to ingrain the event into our memory.” What does the season of Advent invite us to remember?
3. In what ways do you think we sanitize Christmas to make it more comfortable to celebrate?
4. Frost calls our attention to several ways children experience brutal challenges. How do you respond when you become aware of painful situations such as these in your community?
5. What does it mean to you to “wait in the ready posture”?