

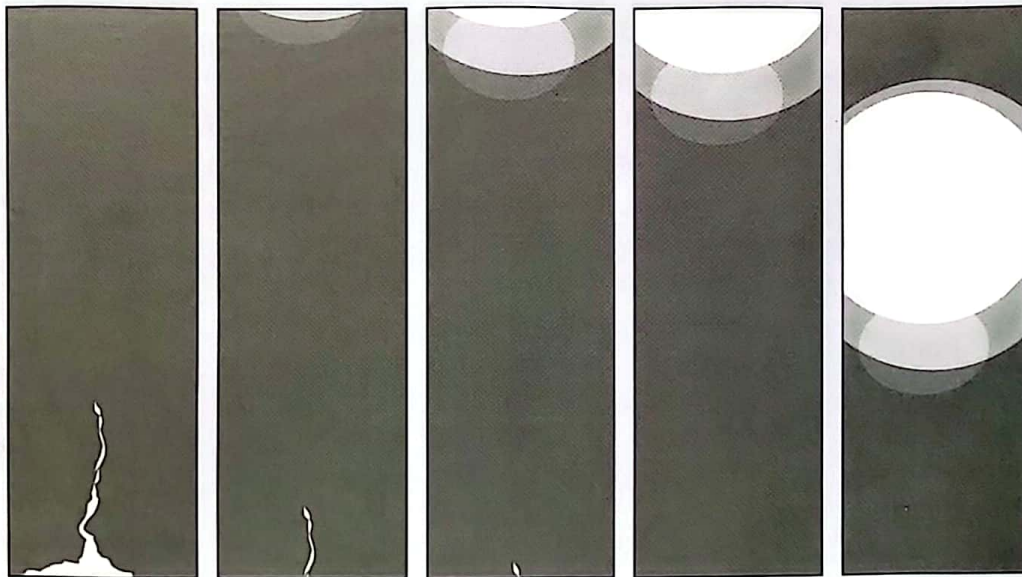
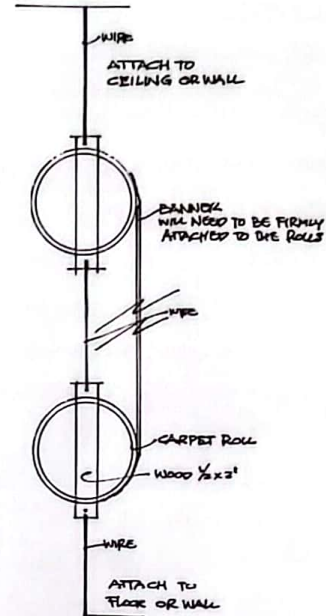
## MAKING AND USING THE ADVENT BANNERS

This banner is designed as a scroll; each week, a different section of the banner is revealed. To make the banner, you will need a long piece of purple or blue base fabric—either felt or some other stiff material (or material that has been made rigid with a stiffener). The front material should be a white curtain-like cloth, the same size as the base fabric, that can actually be ripped from the bottom (see drawing).

The first circle should also be made of curtain-like cloth—probably a light lavender or a light blue to keep it more subtle and transparent. The second circle should be a pale or dull yellow. And the third circle should be white, preferably cut from a satin fabric.

The size of the overall banner should be determined by the architectural restrictions of your local sanctuary. But the basic proportions of the banner should be maintained as much as possible.

To prepare the banner for installation, roll it up on a large tube of some kind (a carpet roll will work very well, and should be readily available in 10' widths from any carpet or furniture store). Cut the roll to the proper width and close the ends with two pieces of solid wood. Attach a piece of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" wood about 5" long to the closed ends. Drill a hole large enough to let a string or wire through at the end of each piece of wood. The banner can be installed in this manner against a wall or from floor to ceiling.



### Week 1

The rend should be torn, not cut. It should show clearly on the bottom of the banner to symbolize our hurts and our sufferings.

### Week 2

Roll the scroll so the rend is still visible but smaller, and so the circle on the top becomes partially visible.

### Week 3

Roll the scroll further so the second circle of pale yellow is completely visible. By now the rend should have almost disappeared.

### Week 4

Roll the scroll further so the white circle becomes partially visible.

### Christmas

The whole white circle should be visible. It should actually be below the center of the banner to emphasize the idea of having come down from above.