

Candle Of Hope

Weekly Litanies For Advent

+ Week One +

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH—*The Candle Of Hope*

Pastor: Today is the First Sunday of Advent in which we recall the *hope* we have in Christ. God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. (Music Starts Here) The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a King in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

We, too, believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish His kingdom upon the earth. Our patriarchal hope in God's promise is brightened as we light the *Candle of Hope*.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH—PROPHECY

"Candle Of Hope"

Choir (Sung): Advent proclaims the King is near,
Advent gives hope that all will hear.
Advent now calls us to receive.
He who from all of our sins relieves.

P: Each candle reminds us of our preparation for Christmas. The first blue candle is the "*Candle of Hope*." It reminds us that all God's people from the beginning of the world hoped for His coming.

(The First Blue Candle Is Lighted)

All (Sung): Candle of *Hope* bring light today
Candle of Hope bring light always
Candle of Hope shine on this earth
Lead us to celebrate Jesus' birth.

P: Like a candle shining in darkness, the Hope that God gives for us in Jesus lightens our hearts. Look to the *Candle of Hope* and celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

All (Sung): Give Hope, O Lord, to us this day,
Make in our hearts a ready way.
That Christ, our Hope, our King, may come
Into our hearts and make His home.

+ Week Two +

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH—*PROPHECY*

P: (*Music Starts*) The Second Candle is the “*Candle of Peace*.” Isaiah looked to the Child of Peace in Chapter 9 of his prophecy.

C: “**For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**”

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH—*PEACE*

All (Sung): Advent proclaims the King is near,
Advent gives hope that all will hear.
Advent now calls us to receive.
He who from all our sins relieves.

P: Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end.

C: ***He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.***

All: ***The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.***

P: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring Good News, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

(Two Blue Candles Are Lighted)

All (Sung): *Candle of Peace bring light today
Candle of Peace bring light always
Candle of Peace shine on this earth
Lead us to celebrate Jesus' birth.*

P: Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.

C: **And all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.**

All (Sung): Give Peace, O Lord, to us this day,
Make in our hearts a ready way.
That Christ, our Peace, our King, may come
Into our hearts and make His home.

+ Week Three +

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH—*The Candle Of Joy*

P: (*Music Starts*) Each candle of the Advent reminds us of our preparation for Christmas. The pink candle is the “*Candle of Joy*.” It reminds us that all God’s people from the beginning of the world hoped for His coming. They longed for the Promised One who would bring joy.

All (Sung): Advent proclaims the King is near,
Advent gives hope that all will hear.
Advent now calls us to receive.
He who from all of our sins relieves.

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

C: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs!

P: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people!

All: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

(Three Candles, Including The Pink Candle Of Joy, Are Lighted)

All (Sung): Candle of *Joy* bring light today
Candle of *Joy* bring light always
Candle of *Joy* shine on this earth
Lead us to celebrate Jesus’ birth.

P: Like a candle shining in darkness, the *Joy* that God gives for us in Jesus enlivens our hearts. Look to the *Candle of Joy* and celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

All (Sung): Give *Joy*, O Lord, to us this day,
Make in our hearts a ready way.
That Christ, our *Joy*, our King, may come
Into our hearts and make His home.

+ Week Four +

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: “Love”

Pastor: (*Music Starts*) “Love.” It’s what Christmas is all about. We have waited for God’s gift of love throughout Advent. Now He who is Love, is about to come.

“Candle Of Hope”

All (Sung): Advent proclaims the King is near,
Advent gives hope that all will hear.
Advent now calls us to receive.
He who from all of our sins relieves.

P: Each candle reminds us of our preparation for Christmas. The final blue candle is the “Candle of Love.” It reminds us that “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son” for you and me.

(All Four Candles, Including The Blue Candle Of Love, Are Lighted)

All (Sung): Candle of Love bring light today
Candle of Love bring light always
Candle of Love shine on this earth
Lead us to celebrate Jesus’ birth.

P: Like a candle shining in darkness, the Love that God gives for us in Jesus warms our heart. Look to the *Candle of Love* and celebrate the love God showed us in the Child, Jesus Christ.

All (Sung): Give Love, O Lord, to us this day,
Make in our hearts a ready way.
That Christ, our Love, our King, may come
Into our hearts and make His home.

+ Christmas Eve/Day +

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CELEBRATION OF ADVENT CANDLES: “*These Candles Shine*”...A Celebration of the Message Of Each Advent Candle

Pastor: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. (*Isaiah 9:2*)

All: (Sung) These candles shine with glorious light,
A word of hope to those in night,
They brightly shine in night's dark day,
And show the hope that God gives today.

THE CANDLE OF HOPE

P: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love, We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our Help and our Shield.
May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in You.
(Based on *Psalms 33*)

All: (Sung) Give **Hope**, O Lord, to us this day,
Make in our hearts a ready way.
That Christ, our Hope, our King, may come
Into our hearts and make His home.

THE CANDLE OF PEACE

P: Jesus, the King of Peace, has come. With the Psalmist we rejoice! For Jesus sits enthroned as King forever. The Lord has given strength to His people; He has blessed His people with peace. (*Psalms 29*)

All: (Sung) Give **Peace**, O Lord, to us this day,
Make in our hearts a ready way.
That Christ, our King of Peace, may come
Into our hearts and make His home.

THE CANDLE OF JOY

P: Praise be to the Lord, for He has heard my cry for mercy. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song. (*Psalms 28*)

All: (Sung) Give **Joy**, O Lord, to us this day,
Make in our hearts a ready way.
That Christ, our Hope, our King, may come
Into our hearts and make His home.

THE CANDLE OF LOVE

P: Who shall separate us from the **love** of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the **love** of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(*Romans 8*)

All: (Sung) Give **Love**, O Lord, to us this day,
Make in our hearts a ready way.
That Christ, our Hope, our King, may show
His love and grace from heav'n above.

THE CHRIST CANDLE

P: Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given....And His name shall be called
"Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."
(*Isaiah 9*)

All: (Sung) Give ear, for **Christ**, our Lord, this day,
Was born in such a humble way.
He is the Christ, Messiah, King
The Babe, the Lord of everything.

(Please Stand)

All praise to God the Father be
And to His Child eternally!
And with the Spirit, all adore
The Lord of Glory forevermore!