

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) **Who made heaven and earth.**

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (2-7) is read:

Reader: **The Word of the Lord.**

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

**he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.**

**Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.**

**May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.**

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with
a verse from "O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel":

**O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to
thee, O Israel.**

ADVENT CANDLE WRAPS

Color the wrap below. Cut along the dotted line. Place glue on the overlap area. Wrap your candle, or use tape to secure it.

1st WEEK - HOPE

1st Week of Advent - Hope

The Prophet's Candle (Purple)

During the first week of Advent, we remember the gift of hope we have in Christ.

Prayer

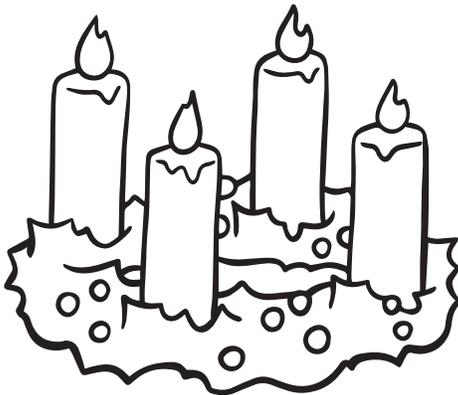
Let us pray - Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by being open to seeing the light of Christ in others. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Hope



1st Week of Advent - Hope
The Prophet Candle



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ADVENT CANDLE WRAPS

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2nd WEEK - LOVE & FAITH

2nd Week of Advent - Love/Faith

The Bethlehem Candle (Purple)

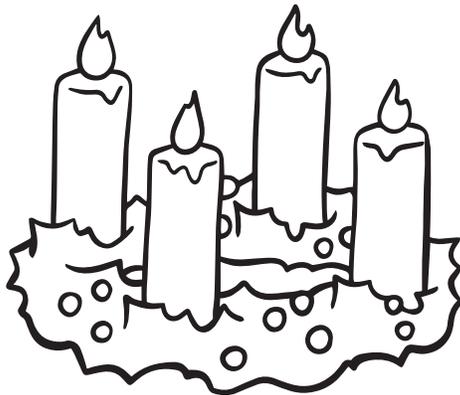
During the second week of Advent, we remember the gift of faith & love we have in Christ.

Prayer

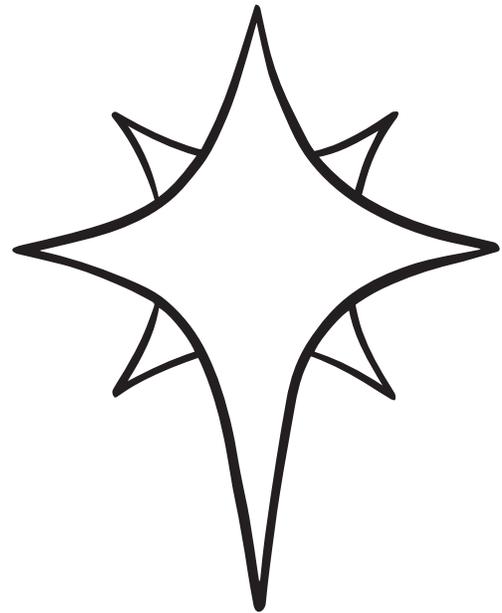
Let us pray - Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love - shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by loving others as Christ loves us.

We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.



Love
& Faith



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2nd Week of Advent - Love & Faith
The Bethlehem Candle



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3rd WEEK - JOY

3rd Week of Advent - Joy

The Shepherd's Candle (Pink)

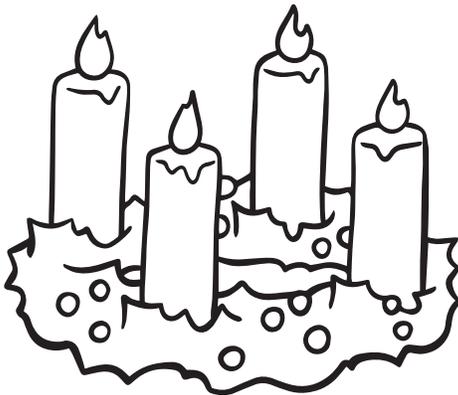
During the third week of Advent, we remember the gift of joy we have in Christ.

Prayer

Let us pray - Loving God, we thank you for the joy you bring us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by helping us see that Christ came for every person we meet wherever we go.

We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.



JOY



3rd Week of Advent - Joy
The Shepherd's Candle



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4th WEEK - Peace

4th Week of Advent - Peace The Angel's Candle (Purple)

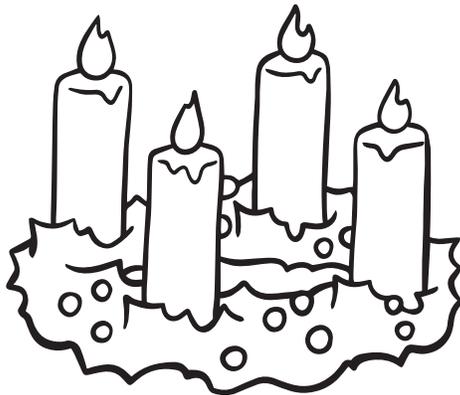
During the fourth week of Advent, we remember the gift of peace we have in Christ.

Prayer

Let us pray - Loving God, we thank you for the gift of peace you give us through Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by working for Christ's peace to take root in our family.

We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.



4th Week of Advent - Peace
The Angel's Candle



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CHRISTMAS

Christmas

The Christ Candle (White)

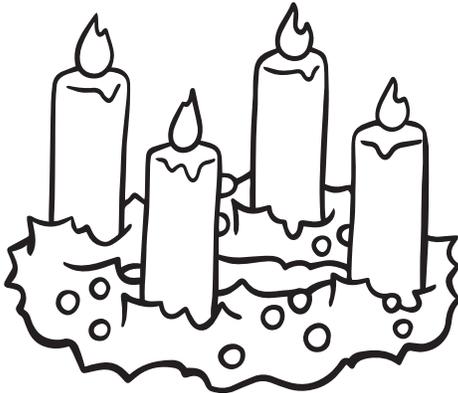
Today we celebrate the birth of Christ who is the Light of the World.

Prayer

Let us pray - Loving God, we thank you for your mystery of the Incarnation – Emmanuel, God with us. Help us receive the Light of Christ in our hearts and share it generously and joyfully in our families and communities.

We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.



Jesus Christ



Christmas
The Christ Candle



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