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Christ   
Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service

The Christ candle is the white candle in the middle of the Advent wreath. Lighting of that candle will take place during the Christmas Eve Worship Service on Friday evening, December 24th, at 6:00 p.m. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us come together to join our hearts in praise and adoration, and in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

## Advent Candle Readings Christmas 2021

### Advent....

The season of Advent begins with the fourth Sunday before Christmas. "Advent" is a Latin word meaning "the coming". During the season of Advent, Christians around the world prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Lord into the world through the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. Advent is a time to celebrate light in the midst of darkness, as symbolized best by the Advent wreath.



The Advent Wreath is the widely recognized symbol of Advent. The wreath is made of a circle of evergreen branches laid flat to symbolize the endless nature of God's love for His people. Four candles stand in the circle. Traditionally, three of the candles are purple and the fourth, the "Angel" or "Joy" candle is pink. One candle is lit during the first week of Advent, two during the second week, three during the third week and all four during the fourth week. The candles remind us of the light of God coming into the world, and the light from the candles grows brighter as each week comes closer to Christmas. On Christmas Eve we light the Christ Candle, which is placed in the center of the wreath.

The following are suggested daily readings for each Advent Candle.



*The Prophecy Candle*  
Week of November 28th

Sunday	Isaiah 40:3-11
Monday	Isaiah 11:1-6
Tuesday	Jeremiah 23:5-6
Wednesday	Isaiah 42:1-4
Thursday	Isaiah 62:10; Mark 13:31, 32
Friday	Isaiah 7:14; Malachi 3:1
Saturday	Micah 5:2-4



*The Shepherd's Candle*  
Week of December 12th

Sunday	Luke 2:8-20
Monday	I John 4:7-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:1-3; 6-11
Wednesday	John 10:1-8
Thursday	John 14:1-13
Friday	John 15:1-16
Saturday	John 3:14-21



*The Bethlehem Candle*  
Week of December 5th

Sunday	Luke 1:26-38
Monday	Luke 1:46-55
Tuesday	Matthew 1:18-25
Wednesday	John 1:1-4, 14
Thursday	Matthew 2:1-6
Friday	Matthew 2:7-12
Saturday	Luke 2:1-7



*The Angel's Candle*  
Week of December 19th

Sunday	Acts 1:1,2,4-11
Monday	Matthew 25:1-13, 31-46
Tuesday	Matthew 1:18-2:12
Wednesday	Luke 2:1-10
Thursday	John 8:12;9:5
Friday	Isaiah 25:9; Matthew 5:14-16
Saturday	I Thessalonians 4:13-18