

FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT

The Advent Wreath is full of rich symbolism. It is a reminder to slow down and take time to reflect on the coming of Christ. Each week as we light the Wreath, we will look at one of its symbols. Today it is the shape. The Wreath is in the form of a circle, to remind us God has no beginning and no end.

LIGHT THE 1ST PURPLE CANDLE.

Prayer:

Lord God, we pray that you will bless our Advent Wreath. As we worship you here may our eyes be fixed on Jesus our coming King. May we see your everlasting love in the circle of greens and open ourselves to your goodness and mercy. As the candles shine more brightly each week, help us to reflect your light and hope to the watching world around us-, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT

This week we will think about the symbolism of the candles on our Advent Wreath. There are four candles, one for each Sunday of Advent. They remind us of the way Jesus changed the darkness of hatred and evil into the light of joy and love.

LIGHT YOUR 1ST PURPLE CANDLE

LIGHT THE 2ND PURPLE CANDLE

Prayer:

Lord, God, we give you thanks for your light that pierces the darkness of our world. As we watch and wait for Jesus' coming, we pray that you will make us eager to learn from one another and to allow the light of Jesus to flood our lives. Amen.

THIRD WEEK IN ADVENT

On some wreaths the candles are dark purple or blue, as are the hangings and vestments in church, These royal colors remind us that we are watching and preparing for our King.

LIGHT YOUR 1ST AND 2ND PURPLE CANDLES

LIGHT THE PINK CANDLE

Prayer:

Lord, we stand with those through the ages who have longed for your coming. We rejoice with them for satisfying our longings through Jesus. Fill us with joy and gladness this season so that many will see Jesus in us and find true JOY. Amen.

FOURTH WEEK IN ADVENT

We use evergreens to decorate our Advent Wreaths because in colder places, where Advent Wreaths were first used, these were the only trees to stay green all winter. They remind us that we have everlasting life in Christ.

LIGHT YOUR 1ST AND 2ND PURPLE CANDLES

LIGHT THE PINK CANDLE

LIGHT THE LAST PURPLE CANDLE

Prayer:

Almighty God, as we come close to the birth of your son Jesus Christ, open our hearts and minds to the renewed faith and hope which comes from the reality of Christ's life and love within us. Awaken our spirit and fill us with joy at his coming. Amen.