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*Please note we have all ages worship from November 26-January 6  
to allow families to worship together.*

*Faith Formation (Sunday school) resumes January 13.*

**November 26**

*All ages worship with children's activity.*

**December 3**

*9 a.m. Refection Time (Adults & Children)*

*10 a.m. All ages worship with Communion*

**December 10**

*9 a.m. Refection Time (Adults)*

*10 a.m. All ages worship with Pageant*

**December 18**

*9 a.m. Reflection Time (Adults & Children)*

*10 a.m. Advent Worship with Choir Cantata*

**December 21**

*7 p.m. Longest Night Service*

**December 24**

*10 a.m. Advent Worship*

*Christmas Eve Services at 4 & 10 p.m.*

**December 31 & January 6**

*All ages worship*



Advent is a season of four weeks which helps us to get ready for the mystery of Christmas. Without preparing, we might walk right through the mystery and not even know it is there. Sometimes we get so busy shopping and hurrying that we miss the Mystery. Let's make room to notice Jesus.

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## Directions

### Pause:

Each week, find a time to gather near your candles. Have each person share where they have made room for God this week.

### Read:

Read the week's Bible passages listed at the right using a regular Bible or the Children of God Storybook Bible by Desmond Tutu. Listen again to the familiar story. What parts of the story stand out today? What part of the story do you like best? What part of the story is about you?

### Respond:

Open one candle each week. Discuss the story and theme using the prompts. Use the prayer provided or a prayer of your choosing.

## Weekly Readings

### Week of December 3– HOPE -First Sunday of Advent

- Read:* Isaiah 64:8,  
Children's Bible: Isaiah Becomes God's Messenger
- Respond:* Open the lid of the HOPE candle and discuss.  
Who do you hope God is forming you to be? What is your greatest hope for this Advent?
- Pray:* *Come Jesus, bring hope!*

### Week of December 10 – PEACE -Second Sunday of Advent

- Read:* Mark 1:1-8, Children's Bible: Jesus is Baptized
- Respond:* Open the lid of the PEACE candle and discuss. How did John the Baptist prepare the way for Jesus? How do you make peace in your family, school and community?
- Pray:* *Come Jesus, bring peace!*

### Week of December 17 -JOY-Third Sunday of Advent

- Read:* Luke 1:46-55,  
Children's Bible: An Angel Appears to Mary
- Respond:* Open the lid of the JOY candle and discuss. Talk about a time you have felt joyful. How is joy different from fun or happiness? What are your favorite joyful songs?
- Pray:* *Come Jesus, bring joy!*

### Week of December 24 -LOVE -Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Read:* Luke 2:1-20, Children's Bible: Jesus is Born
- Respond:* Open the lid of the LOVE candle and discuss. The angel brought a message of God's love to the shepherds in the field. Where do you notice God's love? How does Jesus bring God's love to the world?
- Pray:* *Come Jesus, bring love!*