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I Will Wait

EQUIPPING HOUSEHOLDS TO
CELEBRATE ADVENT
TOGETHER



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What's Advent?



Advent means "coming" or "arrival." It is a season marked by expectation, longing, and hope. In the Christian calendar Advent is the beginning of the year; it is a new season of waiting on God and waiting for the Messiah.

During this time we feel the pressing in of darkness, the weight of time passing, and the loneliness of inaction. And yet, we also feel God preparing to do something new. We know God is coming in Jesus and our longing is filled with hope, our expectation with reality, and our waiting with barely bridled joy.

In Advent we join with ancient Israel in waiting for the Messiah and the hope, faith, joy, and peace he will bring. Even as we reflect back on the anticipation of Israel for her king, we are also looking forward to when our King, Jesus, will return.



How to Use this Booklet



The main intention of the booklet is to provide a liturgy for each week of Advent. The liturgy can be found on pages 7-15. With this you will be able to follow along with our online services. You are encouraged to read through it beforehand and assign readers – feel free to be creative for your household depending on reading ability.

There are 3 readers listed. Reader 1 will be on screen, readers 2 and 3 will be in your home. If your household has children that are newer to reading we recommend giving them reader 3 as they have less challenging lines. If there is just 1 of you, assign double readings.



Step

1

Candles and Ribbon

Gather 5 candles and wrap ribbon around the bottom: 3 purple ribbons, 1 pink ribbon, 1 white ribbon. Be careful of fire hazards (consider using coloured candles).

Step

2

Wood Base and Candle Placing

Place wood base somewhere sturdy and arrange the candles on it with the white ribbon in the centre. For extra stability, fix them to the wood with glue.

Step

3

Add Greenery

Add evergreen trimmings and other Christmas greenery.

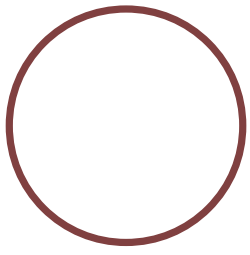
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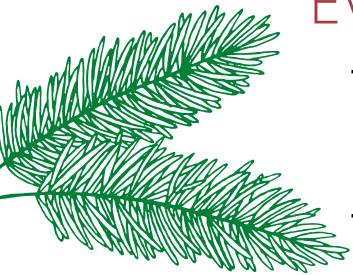
Add Decoration

Be creative and individualize your household wreath with your own decorations.

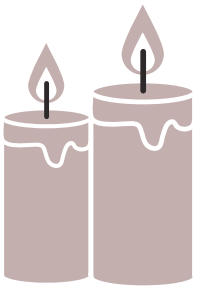




CIRCLE | The wreath, first of all, has a circular shape. The circle, without beginning or end, reminds us of Jesus' divinity, of his sacrifice in becoming Immanuel, and of his unending love and care for us.



EVERGREEN | The evergreens, as sign of life amid the starkness of winter, point to Christ's redemptive gift of life, now and forever. With the assurance of this gift, we can eagerly pray for Christ to return and restore all of creation.



CANDLES | Candles are symbols of pushing back the gathering darkness. The contrast of light and darkness is common throughout the Bible (cf. Gen. 1:1-5; Ps. 27; Is. 9 & 11, 59 & 60; Jn. 1; Rev. 21 & 22)

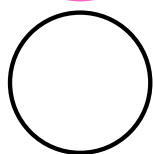
COLOURS | The different colours of the candles carry symbolism.



Purple | Most advent traditions have purple candles because it is a colour that signifies royalty of the coming King.



Pink/Rose | This candle is lit on the third Sunday, a time of joy.



White | The centre candle, the Christ candle, is always white. It signifies the purity and light of Christ.

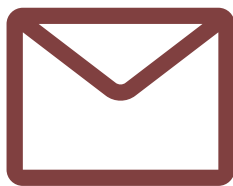


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Sharing Your Wreath



Or email your photo to the church office: marilyn@licrc.ca



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Our Theme

The prophet Micah is writing in Israel as society is falling apart, religion is being used as an excuse for power, and the leaders have forgotten the Lord. Israel stands on the cusp of the exile and Micah prophesies the coming kingdom of God. It is in Micah that we learn the Messiah King will be born in Bethlehem (5:2).

In this season of expectation, Micah writes, "But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me." (Micah 7:7, ESV) As Christians we know Jesus has come and he is coming again; and so, we live in light of that truth.

We live in faith that he is powerful and redeemer; we live out of a confidence and security of being a child of God, citizen of the kingdom come and kingdom coming; and we live full of heavenly purpose to reveal the gospel of Jesus to the whole world.

While we wait *for* the Lord, we wait *upon* the Lord, and we wait *in* the Lord.

I Will Wait



First Sunday of Advent

November 29,
2020

hope



Remember: If you are participating with the Livestream "LEADER" is onscreen.

LEADER | The season of Advent is filled with waiting. As we wait, we feel the pressing in of darkness, the weight of time passing, and the loneliness of inaction. And yet, we also feel God preparing to do something new. We know God is coming in Jesus and our longing is filled with hope, our expectation with reality, and our waiting with barely bridled joy.

READER 2 | While we wait for the Lord, we wait upon the Lord, and we wait in the Lord. Jesus has come and he is coming again; and so, we live and work and play in the sure promises of God.

READER 3 | We live and wait in hope that our king has come.



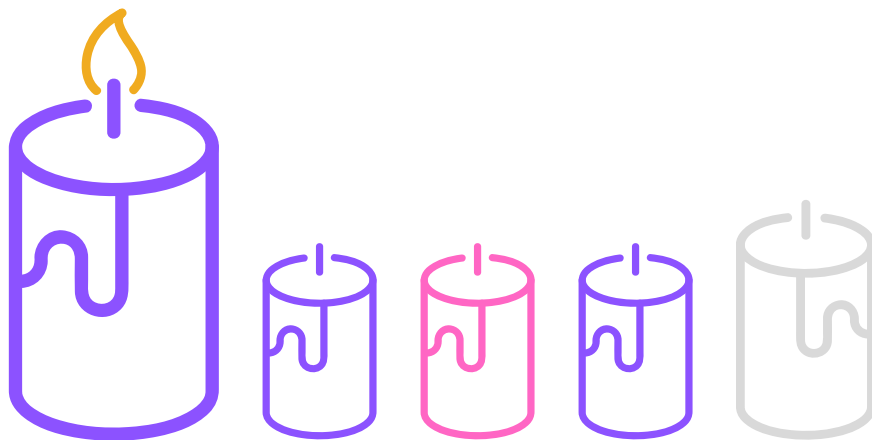
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LEADER | “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3)

READER 2 | We light this candle as a reminder that our hope has come [*light the 1st candle*]. Even in the midst of darkness the Light of the World is with us.

READER 3 | I am so totally in God’s hand that without his will I can not move or be moved..



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Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

faith



Remember: If you are participating with the Livestream "LEADER" is onscreen. You can begin with the 1st candle lit.

LEADER | The season of Advent is filled with waiting. As we wait, we feel the pressing in of darkness, the weight of time passing, and the loneliness of inaction. And yet, we also feel God preparing to do something new. We know God is coming in Jesus and our longing is filled with faith, our expectation with reality, and our waiting with barely bridled joy.

READER 2 | While we wait for the Lord, we wait upon the Lord, and we wait in the Lord. Jesus has come and he is coming again; and so, we live and work and play in the sure promises of God.

READER 3 | We live and wait in the faith that our king will come again.


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LEADER | “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

READER 2 | We light this candle as a sign to make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel *[light the 2nd candle]*. We have received this promise by faith through grace.

READER 3 | Faith is receiving and resting on Jesus alone for salvation as he is offered to me in the gospel.



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Third Sunday of Advent

December 13,
2020

joy



Remember: If you are participating with the Livestream "LEADER" is onscreen. You can begin with the 1st and 2nd candles lit.

LEADER | The season of Advent is filled with waiting. As we wait, we feel the pressing in of darkness, the weight of time passing, and the loneliness of inaction. And yet, we also feel God preparing to do something new. We know God is coming in Jesus and our longing is filled with patience, our expectation with reality, and our waiting with barely bridled *joy*.

READER 2 | While we wait for the Lord, we wait upon the Lord, and we wait in the Lord. Jesus has come and he is coming again; and so, we live and work and play in the sure promises of God.

READER 3 | We live and wait with joy because of what Jesus has done.



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LEADER | “Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12: 1-2)

READER 2 | We light this candle as a reminder our joy comes fully in relationship to Jesus [*light the 3rd candle*]. Therefore we can endure any trial, struggle, and suffering because Jesus has overcome the world.

READER 3 | Faith is receiving and resting on Jesus alone for salvation as he is offered to me in the gospel.



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

peace



Remember: If you are participating with the Livestream "LEADER" is onscreen. You can begin with the first 3 candles lit.

LEADER | The season of Advent is filled with waiting. As we wait, we feel the pressing in of darkness, the weight of time passing, and the loneliness of inaction. And yet, we also feel God preparing to do something new. We know God is coming in Jesus and our longing is filled with peace, our expectation with reality, and our waiting with barely bridled joy.

READER 2 | While we wait for the Lord, we wait upon the Lord, and we wait in the Lord. Jesus has come and he is coming again; and so, we live and work and play in the sure promises of God.

READER 3 | We live and wait in peace that our king rules the world



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LEADER | “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (Jn. 14:27)

READER 2 | We light this candle as a sign that the rule and reign of Jesus extends to the ends of the earth *[light the 4th candle]*. By the love of God we are restored to wholeness, filled with purpose and learning contentment.

READER 3 | I belong to Jesus. He promises I will live with him forever and he makes me ready and willing, with all my heart, strength, and soul to live for him from now on.



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CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25,
2020



Remember: If you are participating with the Livestream "LEADER" is onscreen. You can begin with the 4 Advent candles lit.

LEADER | Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her king!

ALL | "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."
(Luke 2:14).

LEADER | On Christmas day we marvel at the majesty of the infinite becoming finite, of God becoming man; in Jesus the true light of true light comes into the world to save his people. Born in humility he was exalted to the highest place. We light this candle to show that darkness is defeated.

[Light the Christ candle]

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ALL | “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come... You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.” (Revelation 4:8b, 11)



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Merry Christmas!

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