Week 1 of Advent (Nov 30 – Dec 6, 2025)

Before or after dinner, everyone gathers around an unlit Advent Wreath.

Leader: Blessed are you, + holy and living One.
People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

*The **first** (purple) candle is lighted, and someone reads the following Scripture passage:*

> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.
>
> *Isaiah 9:2*

A brief silence is kept, after which a Leader says:

> Let us pray.
>
> As we light the first candle of the Advent Wreath, we give thanks for the great light of the world, your Son, Jesus, who is our light in the world so that we no longer walk in darkness. May our lives be a light to others. **Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness,
People: **And put on the armor of light,**
Leader: Now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The service can be followed by a hymn, the Lord's Prayer, and/or the evening meal.

Week 2 of Advent (Dec 7 – 13, 2025)

Before or after dinner, everyone gathers around an unlit Advent Wreath.

Leader: Blessed are you, + holy and living One.
People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

*The first **two** (purple) candles are lighted, and someone reads the following Scripture passage:*

> A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light.
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> *John 1:6-7*

A brief silence is kept, after which a Leader says:

> Let us pray.
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> As we light the first two candles of the Advent Wreath, we welcome the prophets who shine your light in the world, [especially _____]. Help us to get ready to welcome Jesus, once again. **Amen.**

Leader: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance
People: **And prepare the way for our salvation:**
Leader: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The service can be followed by a hymn, the Lord's Prayer, and/or the evening meal.

Week 3 of Advent (Dec 14 – 20, 2025)

Before or after dinner, everyone gathers around an unlit Advent Wreath.

Leader: Blessed are you, + holy and living One.
People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

*The first **three** candles are lighted (two purple, one pink), and someone reads the following Scripture passage:*

> Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won’t walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”
>
> *John 8:12*

A brief silence is kept, after which a Leader says:

> Let us pray.
>
> As we light the first three candles of the Advent Wreath, we give thanks for your great love in Jesus, your Son. Open our hearts to receive your love and show us the way to give that love to others. **Amen.**

Leader: Stir up your power, O Lord,
People: **And with great might come among us;**
Leader: And, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The service can be followed by a hymn, the Lord’s Prayer, and/or the evening meal.

Week 4 of Advent (Dec 21 – 24, 2025)

Before or after dinner, everyone gathers around an unlit Advent Wreath.

Leader: Blessed are you, + holy and living One.
People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

*All **four** candles are lighted, and someone reads the following Scripture passage:*

> "My eyes have seen your salvation. You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples. It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel."
>
> *Luke 2:30-32*

A brief silence is kept, after which a Leader says:

Let us pray.

As we light all four candles of the Advent Wreath, we give thanks for your great love in Jesus, your Son. Help us to make room in our hearts for your love and live in our bodies, minds, and spirits. **Amen.**

Leader: Purify our conscience, Almighty God,
People: **By your daily visitation,**
Leader: That your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The service can be followed by a hymn, the Lord's Prayer, and/or the evening meal.