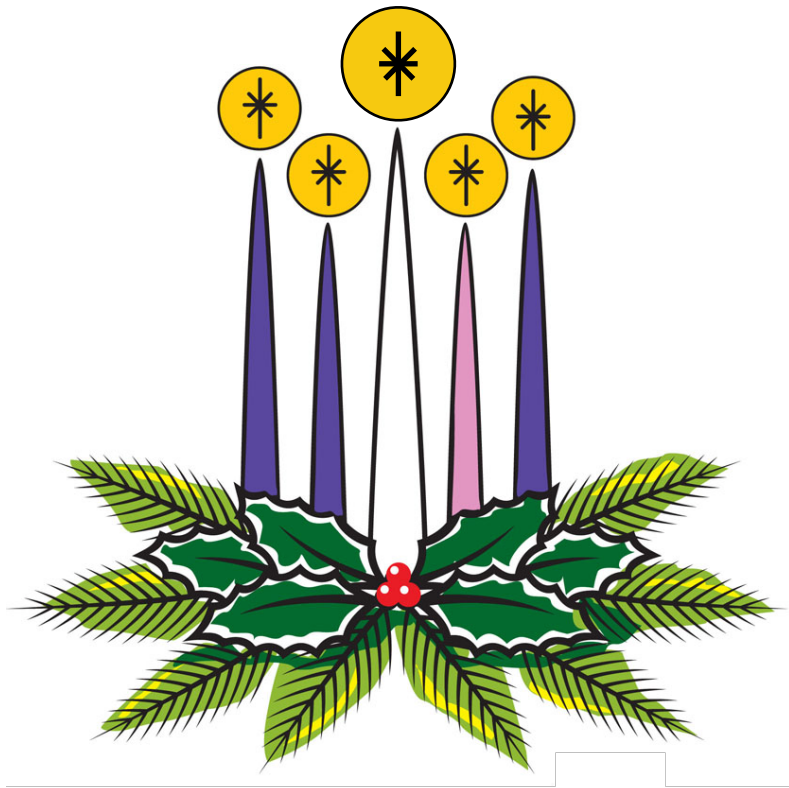


Christ Candle Liturgy



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The Christ Candle

John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Scripture *Luke 2:10-12*

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Why do we light *all* the candles?

The first candle reminds us of the light of HOPE we have in Jesus Christ, whose birth the prophets foretold.

The second candle reminds us of the PEACE the angels proclaimed— peace we have with God because he sent his son, Jesus.

The third candle reminds us of the JOY the shepherds knew when they saw the baby Jesus and began sharing the good news.

The fourth candle reminds us of the LOVE God showed by giving baby Jesus— to Mary and Joseph and to us all.

The Christ candle reminds us that the birth of Jesus is good news for all people. Jesus is God with us!

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the good news that brings great joy and shows your amazing love for the world! Give us hearts wide open to you and to each other, in Jesus' name. Amen.