

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lighting of the Advent Candles

NOTE: Please be prepared to light the Advent candle and read the following immediately after the announcement period.

(Light first purple candle on Advent wreath)

First Reader : We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Second Reader : Advent means coming.

First Reader : We are preparing ourselves for the days

Second Reader: when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,

First Reader: and their spears into pruning hooks;

Second Reader: nations shall not lift up sword against nation,

First Reader: neither shall they learn war any more.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lighting of the Advent Candles

NOTE: Please be prepared to light the Advent candle and read the following immediately after the announcement period.

(Light one purple candle before and another purple candle during the reading.)

First Reader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Second Reader: Advent means coming.

First Reader: We are preparing ourselves for the days

Second Reader: when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,

First Reader: and their spears into pruning hooks;

Second Reader: nations shall not lift up sword against nation,

First Reader: neither shall they learn war any more.

Second Reader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,

First Reader: the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

Second Reader: the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

First Reader: and a little child shall lead them.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lighting of the Advent Candles

NOTE: Please be prepared to light the Advent candle and read the following immediately after the announcement period.

(Light two purple candles before and another purple candle during the reading.)

First Reader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Second Reader: Advent means coming.

First Reader: We are preparing ourselves for the days

Second Reader: when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,

First Reader: and their spears into pruning hooks;

Second Reader: nations shall not lift up sword against nation,

First Reader: neither shall they learn war any more.

Second Reader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,

First Reader: the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

Second Reader: the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

First Reader: and a little child shall lead them.

Second Reader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

First Reader: the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

Second Reader: like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,

First Reader: and rejoice with joy and singing.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lighting of the Advent Candles

NOTE: Please be prepared to light the Advent candle and read the following immediately after the announcement period.

(Light three purple candles before and another purple candle during the reading.)

First Reader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Second Reader: Advent means coming.

First Reader: We are preparing ourselves for the days

Second Reader: when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,

First Reader: and their spears into pruning hooks;

Second Reader: nations shall not lift up sword against nation,

First Reader: neither shall they learn war any more.

Second Reader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,

First Reader: the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

Second Reader: the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

First Reader: and a little child shall lead them.

Second Reader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

First Reader: the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

Second Reader: like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,

First Reader: and rejoice with joy and singing.

Second Reader: The Lord will give you a sign.

First Reader: Look, the young woman is with child

Second Reader: and shall bear a son,

First Reader: and shall name him Immanuel (God is with us).