

AdventWord

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Creating an Advent wreath

Materials:

- Advent wreath ring OR 5 candle holders & a tray
- Evergreens from your yard or St. Mark's grounds
- 3 purple candles, 1 pink candle, 1 white candle

Weave evergreens around your Advent wreath ring or arrange around the candle holders on a tray. Each night of Advent, light the candles, sing, reflect, and pray (following guide on the other side).

Sunday, December 3 – Saturday, December 9

Light: the first candle, the candle of Hope. Sing Hymn 25 *O Gracious Light* or *This Little Light of Mine*.

Reflect: Weekly question: *What are you hopeful for? What gives you hope?*

Daily question: *What does today's Advent word bring up for you? (See other side)*

Pray: *Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, 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.*

Sunday, December 10 – Saturday, December 16

Light: the first and second candle, the candle of Peace. Sing Hymn 25 *O Gracious Light* or *This Little Light of Mine*.

Reflect: Weekly question: *Where do you long for peace in your life? What brings you peace?*

Daily question: *What does today's Advent word bring up for you? (See other side)*

Pray: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: 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.

Sunday, December 17 – Saturday, December 23

Light: the first, second, and third candle, the candle of Joy (pink). Sing Hymn 25 *O Gracious Light* or *This Little Light of Mine*.

Reflect: Weekly question: *What parts of your life could use more joy? What brings you joy?*

Daily question: *What does today's Advent word bring up for you? (See other side)*

Pray: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; 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.

Sunday, December 24

Light: the first, second, third, and fourth candle, the candle of Love. Light the white Christ candle for Christmas Eve, as well. Sing your favorite Christmas carol!

Reflect: *Where do you feel God's love in your life? How do you want to invite the Christ Child in this year?*

Pray: O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.