

Advent Candle Lighting

“Light of Hope”

Advent is a time of reflection and renewal. **God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.** Advent is a time of self-examination. **God of light, shine in our hearts and strengthen our resolve.** Advent is a time of joyful expectation. **God of light shine in our hearts and renew our faith.** Advent is a time of service and searching. **God of light, shine in our hearts and ignite our compassion.**

Candle Lighting- Today we light the first candle- the candle of hope- reminding us that in sending Christ, God sent hope to the earth. Hope for a world free from war and pain, hope for a sense of purpose and belonging, and hope for peace and prosperity for our children and our children's children. When Christ came, he brought us the Light of Lights. Light that fills us with hope, illuminates our lives, and shines in our hearts.

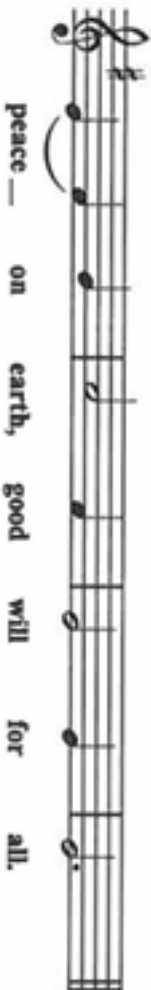
(You are invited to sing the congregational part)

Closing prayer of candle lighting: God of light, we pray today that you will fill us with hopeful expectations, and that you will cause us to become your children of light. Help us to spread your light into the world around us. Help us to recognize our opportunities to brighten the lives of others. Help us to live each day as beacons of love filled with joy, peace, and hope. **Amen.**

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Congregational part

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