



WEEK ONE >> HOPE

Leader

Every year we light candles as we prepare for the coming of Christ.
More and more candles, more and more light,
as we watch and wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.
Let in the Light.

All: Let in the Light

Leader: Psalm 84:11-12

The Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the Lord withhold from those
who walk uprightly.
O Lord of hosts, blessed is everyone who trusts in you.

All: Let in the Light

Light the first candle, the candle of Hope

Unison Prayer (by Dimitri of Rostov)

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.
Come, my Life, and revive me from death.
Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.
Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins,
kindling my heart with the flame of your love.
Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there,
for you alone are my King and my Lord.
Amen.



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WEEK TWO >> PEACE

Leader

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as we watch and wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.
Let in the Light.

All: Let in the Light

Leader: 1 Peter 2:9-11

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul.

All: Let in the Light

Light the candles of Hope and Peace

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WEEK THREE >> LOVE

Leader

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as we watch and wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.
Let in the Light.

All: Let in the Light

Leader: John 3:16-21

Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

All: Let in the Light

Light the candles of Hope, Peace, and Love

Unison Prayer (by Dimitri of Rostov)

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Come, my Life, and revive me from death.
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Amen.



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WEEK FOUR >> JOY

Leader

Every year we light candles as we prepare for the coming of Christ. More and more candles, more and more light, as we watch and wait for Jesus, the Light of the World. Let in the Light.

All: Let in the Light

Leader: John 12:46, John 8:12

Jesus said, "I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness... I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

All: Let in the Light

Light the candles of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy

Unison Prayer (by Dimitri of Rostov)

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.

Come, my Life, and revive me from death.

Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.

Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins, kindling my heart with the flame of your love.

Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there, for you alone are my King and my Lord.

Amen.



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CHRISTMAS EVE

Leader: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

(An Advent candle is lit as each name for the Messiah is read)

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Unison Prayer *(by Dimitri of Rostov)*

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Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.

Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins, kindling my heart with the flame of your love.

Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there, for you alone are my King and my Lord. Amen.

(At end of service)

Leader or Pastor

For weeks we've been lighting more and more candles on this wreath in preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Tonight we light the final candle, for Jesus, the Light of the World, has come. God has kept the prophetic promise: "By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:78-79)



Hymn or Song (*Light the Christ Candle during this song*)

Leader or Pastor

It's now our turn. Accept the Light, share Him with others, and carry His peace forth from this place.

(The light is passed from person to person as all sing "Silent Night." At the close of "Silent Night," sing the following a capella.)

**Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday to You
Happy Birthday dear Jesus, Happy Birthday to You**

Follow with Benediction or Postlude



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CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

All: Let in the Light

Leader (John 1:1-5)

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

All: Let in the Light

Light the center Christ candle

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