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WORSHIP RESOURCES

Worship is the central communal act of the church body - few other spiritual practices happen with the entire body together in one place acting in unison. We pray that your intergenerational worship will be enhanced by these resources. (And if your worship is not yet intergenerational, Advent is a wonderful time to begin the process of transitioning to inclusive worship!)

These resources can be easily integrated into other liturgy or used independently - they're our gift to you, and our prayer is that they will help you and your church experience the anticipation and excitement of Christ's birth and second coming in a new and meaningful way this year.

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WEEKLY UNISON PRAYERS

AWAKEN // DECEMBER 3

Advent God, you who awakened the earth and brought forth light with the sound of your voice, who awakened woman and man by your very breath, AWAKEN us in this time of Advent. Make us ever watchful for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, who comes to us in ways and times unexpected, and who brings with him your light and your life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen!

WATER // DECEMBER 10 & BAPTISM // DECEMBER 17

Advent God, you who moved over the face of the deep waters, who cleansed the earth with flood waters, cleanse us once again in this time of Advent. As we remember your Son, Jesus Christ, who was plunged into the WATER of baptism, let us remember our baptism as we wait for you to come and cleanse the earth. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen!

CHILD // DECEMBER 24

Advent God, you who fulfilled the covenant through the children of Eve, Sarah, Rachel, and Rebecca, who remained faithful as we strayed from that covenant, be revealed to us in the birth of the Christ-CHILD. As your servant, Mary, magnified your name as she brought forth the one called Jesus – Emmanuel, God with us – may our lives bring you glory as we proclaim to all the world, “He is born!” Come, Lord Jesus. Amen!

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CANDLE LIGHTING RESPONSE

Use the candle lighting liturgy of your choice (you can even take a look at past years' #pictureAdvent liturgies!), and follow it each week with this sung response, adopting the alternate verse for Christmas Eve:

We Are Waiting

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$\text{♩} = 112$

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

The musical score is written for Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass voices. It is in 4/4 time with a tempo of 112 beats per minute. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "We are wait - ing for the light, Light that will shine for the world to see. O! Come, Em - man - uel, God with us. Al - le - lu - ia!"

We are wait - ing for the light, Light that will shine for the world to see. O!
Come, Em - man - uel, God with us. Al - le - lu - ia!

Alternate verse for Christmas Eve:

We have waited for the light,
Light that will shine for the world to see.
O! Christ-child come, be born this night.
Alleluia!