

Making an Advent Wreath

Many homes include the lighting of an Advent wreath as part of their prayer and reflection time, during the four weeks of the Advent season. The two key elements of the wreath are the ring of greens and the five candles. The candles are lit, with one added each week, on Sunday, as we count down to Christmas day. On Christmas day, we light the white or Christ candle to signify Christ's arrival.

The candlelight is a reminder of both the passing of time and the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. The evergreens and the shape of the wreath/circle, have long been symbols of eternity. So as we light the wreath, we are reminded of the birth of Christ, brought to us by an everlasting God with an everlasting love.



CHRIST

December 24, 2020

Pause

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**All: those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them, light has shined.**

One: By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high has broken upon us,

**All: to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

One: Tonight, we light the Christ candle.

*[One person lights all of the purple and pink candles and then the **white** candle in the center of the wreath.]*

Good news of great joy has come to us today.

For a child has been born for us, a Son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulder, and he is named:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince
of Peace.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not over-
come it.

Ponder

Luke 2:1-20

Who do you get to celebrate Christ's birth with? Is there someone new you could invite to be a part of your celebration? Someone to share the good news with?

Pray

Dear God, we are grateful for the birth of Jesus. Help us to share this good news through our words and through our actions this Christmas. Amen.

