Advent Wreath Lighting 2021
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Advent 1—November 28, 2021

A: We hope for a world where all are fed.
B: We hope for a world with more bridges than walls.
A: We hope for a world with wide open doors.
B: We hope for a world with contagious laughter.
A: We hope for a world where trees grow tall and creeks run clean.
B: We hope for a world where all people feel at home.
A: We hope for that world.
B: We long for that world.
A: We are homesick for that world.
B: So today we light the candle of hope, because hope keeps our hearts alive as we wait.
A: May this light be a reminder that the wait is always worth it.
All: We are close to home. May we carry hope with us. Amen.

Advent 2—December 5, 2021

A: As we reflect on the foundation of our faith in our lives,
we gather together around the candle of peace.
B: The home we long for is a home that knows peace—
A: peace that rests between us and our grief,
B: peace around our anxiety,
A: peace within us,
B: peace amidst our relationships,
A: peace at the core of our being,
B: peace hovering through and in our world.
A: The home we long for is a home that knows peace.
B: So today we light the candle of peace—as a reminder and as a prayer.
All: Let it be so. Amen.

Advent 3—December 12, 2021

A: Joy is seeing people you love after months apart.
B: Joy is hearing, "Come on over, it has been too long!"
A: Joy is the stretches and giggles of a newborn child.
B: Joy is making it home when the journey is long.
A: Joy is feeling found when you thought you were lost.

B: So today we light the candle of joy, because the welcome God has for us is nothing short of joyful.
A: Rest in that good news. Let it wash over you.
All: Family of faith, we are close to home. Amen.

Advent 4—December 19, 2021

A: God's love is like an open door.
B: God's love is the streetlight that guides us home.
A: God's love is a warm bed to fall into.
B: God's love is a table with room for you.
A: God's love is a crackling fireplace.
B: God's love is the sun that streams through the windows.
A: God's love is the roof over our heads and the floor beneath our feet.
B: God's love is a home for you and me, for neighbors and strangers, for family and friends, for enemies and partners.
A: God's love is a home for all.
B: Today we light the candle of love to remind us of this truth.
All: May it burn brightly in this space and even brighter in our hearts. Amen.

Christmas Eve—December 24, 2021

A: In God's house, there is hope—
For God loves us too much to leave us just as we are.
Light the candle of hope.
B: In God's house, there is peace—
For all that separates us from God falls away.
Light the candle of peace.
A: In God's house, there is joy—
Because God created music and laughter that is contagious and if those things have God's fingerprints, then God's house surely exudes joy.
Light the candle of joy.
B: In God's house, there is love—
Because God is love, from start to finish, and that love exists for us all.
Light the candle of love.
A: And in the center of our hope,
B: In the center of our peace,
A: In the center of our joy,
B: In the center of our love, is God—who came to this earth to dwell among us.
All: So, tonight we light the Christ candle, for God's love just could not stay away. Welcome home. Amen.