

## **Advent Readings**

### First Week

Nov. 27: Isaiah 9:6-7

Nov. 28: Romans 8:1-11

Nov. 29: Genesis 12:1-9

Nov. 30: Isaiah 7:10-14

Dec. 1: John 1:1-18

### Second Week

Dec. 4: 1 John 4:7-18

Dec. 5: Hebrews 1:1-4

Dec. 6: Galatians 4:1-7

Dec. 7: John 3:16-17

Dec. 8: Romans 8:35-39

### Third Week

Dec. 11: Isaiah 9:2-5

Dec. 12: Matthew 2:1-12

Dec. 13: 1 Peter 1:8-9

Dec. 14: Romans 5:13

Dec. 15: Isaiah 12:6

### Fourth Week

Dec. 18: Hebrews 13:5-6

Dec. 19: Luke 1:57-79

Dec. 20: Luke 2:1- 7

Dec. 21: Luke 2:8 - 14

Dec. 22: Luke 2:15 - 20

# Celebrating Advent at Home 2022

We hope you will use these readings and prayers to help you worship at home as we await the coming of our Savior. Then join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ, Christmas Eve at Pepper Plantation.

### Worship Outline

#### I. Light the Candle

In the evening, place a candle on a table and light it. Add another candle to light for each additional week of Advent. For example, light three candles for the third week. You can also add a fifth candle for Christmas Eve. This symbolizes the light of Christ entering the world.

#### II. Prayer of the Week.

Pray the Prayer of the Week. This prayer focuses on the main theme for this week of Advent. These are found below.

#### III. Reading

Read the Scripture assigned for that night. These are also found below. Please spend time discussing the night's Scripture.

#### IV. Prayer

Say a prayer thanking God for this season and for sending Jesus to bring us back to Him. You should create your own prayers and end with the Lord's prayer

#### V. Closing Words.

You can end the night by saying this together:

"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

#### Week 1: Hope (November 27-December 3)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, how in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Week 2: Love (December 4- December 10)

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Week 3: Joy (December 11- December 17)

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit to live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen

#### Week 4: Peace (December 18- December 23)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.