

# Family participation in Worship during Advent

## FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

- *Arrive 10 minutes before the start of the service to meet with a pastor to show you where your family will lead the prayer and light the candle.*
- *Wait at the back of the sanctuary for the first part of the service, then during the Entrance Hymn walk in with the Pastor(s) to the Advent Wreath.*
- *Once the hymn is finished someone from the family will read the following. We will be using a microphone on Sundays:*

At night how dark outside! But look -- a star's in the sky;  
Mary and Joseph are passing by.  
So let's light a candle to welcome them  
as they go on their way to Bethlehem.  
We'll light a candle in church each week,  
To guide our way to the Christ we seek.

- *Then this weeks verse of "O Come, Come Emmanuel" will be sung by the congregation.*
- *While the verse is sung someone from your family will use the candle lighter to light the candle of the week; the one with the string on it.*

## ELW 257, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", vs. 7

O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new. Refrain

### *Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

- *Then someone from your family will lead this prayer. (Remember to speak loudly and slowly)*

Let us pray.

O God, as light comes from this candle,  
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,  
warming our hearts and brightening our way.

O Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, come and dwell with us.  
Desire of all nations; Gift to every generation,  
Come, make your home with us.  
All nations, everybody, is waiting for you,  
People here are waiting for you,  
People in New York are waiting for you.  
People in Beijing are waiting for you.  
Jesus, come to us.

## AMEN

- *Then During the Sharing of the Peace have your family go to the narthex to get the bread and wine and walk it in with ushers. Then you can be seated. Thank you for your worship leadership.*