

Family participation in Worship during Advent

FOURTH 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. 2

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay;
Teach us your will and guide our way.

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, Holy Wisdom, come and teach us your way;
Word of life, Word made flesh, come, speak your truth.
Jesus, come and teach me, how to sing and play,
how to learn new words; tell me what to say.
Teach me how to be a child, for you know the way.

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.*