

Family participation in Worship during Advent

THIRD 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. 5

⁵ O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

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, Key of David,
come and set your people free.
Open the gates of heaven for us;
come, deliver us from evil.
King David was a mighty king in God's favor.
Jesus, distant Son of king David is the key to life.
Key of David, Jesus Christ, open heaven's gates for 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.