

First Sunday of Advent

November 6, 2022

Advent Wreath Lighting

Lord God we give thanks for your covenant

We are thankful that you promise to come again

Just as God freed the Hebrews from Egypt

**We remember how faithful God was to Abraham and Sarah,
Moses and Miriam, and Hannah and Eli**

Come let us know God, through God's promises

We live into your promises, Loving God

Light the Promise Candle

God, we are thankful that every year

You fulfill your promise and become particularly present

every Sunday, every prayer, every gathering in your name,

You are there. You show your love in baptism and communion,

and you reveal your presence through advent and Christmas.

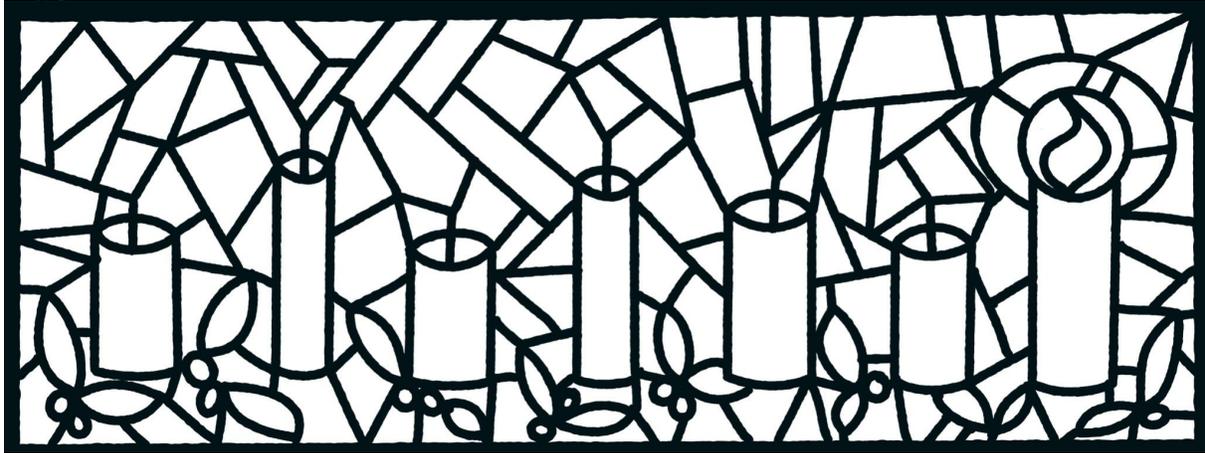
Help us to live into your promises,

every time we wait for Jesus,

we pray.

Amen.

Wreath Lighting Linary by Katy Stena, www.katyandthword.com.



Live to Tell the Story: Promise

Activity: Prepare yourself and home for Advent. Pull out the advent wreath or make an advent display. If you don't have space for seven or eight candles on your existing wreath, consider adding candles around the outside or putting it together in pieces, adding branches, holly, or other elements over time. Decide how you will use these weekly devotions. You might pick a time of week to discuss them with your household over a meal, spend time in private reflection before bed, or join the mid-week zoom gathering to reflect in community.

Reflection Questions: Who are the saints that surround you or have come before you? What have these people communicated to you about God or about yourself? If we are all "saints and sinners", as Martin Luther taught, what do you think you're communicating who God is to others?

Closing Prayer: God of our ancestors, thank you for blessing our lives with saints who have loved us and nurtured us in faith. Grant us comfort in our grief, joy in our memories, peace in your promises and trust in your faithfulness. Amen.

Mid-Week Gathering:

Thursday, November 10th, 6-6:45pm

Zoom [Link](#), Meeting ID 824 9593 4749

Advent stained glass image and weekly devotional by Rev. Anna K. Rieke.