We come together in the midst of a busy season to take a breath.

To breathe in together the life that God gives us. To listen to the beat of God’s heart and the blessings and lessons this season brings to us.

Each week of Advent we will light this Advent Wreath. With its light comes our prayers and our stories.

The candle for this first week of Advent is the candle of hope. Today the flame of this candle reminds us of the hope that came to this world when Jesus was born and God humbled down to be with us. Jesus said “I came so that everyone would have life, life in all its fullness.”

[Light the candle.]

Where have you seen God’s gift of hope lately?
I have seen hope ... 

Let us pray... We thank you God for wanting to bring fullness and hope into every life. We thank you for the hope you have brought to us. Help us be witnesses of the hope you bring and help us shine the light of hope for those living in darkness.

AMEN
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The candle for this second week of Advent is the candle of peace. Today the flame of this candle reminds us of the peace that Jesus brings into this world and his presence with us. Jesus said “I give you peace, the kind of peace that only I can give. It isn’t like the peace that this world can give. So don’t be worried or afraid.”

[Light the candle.]

Where have you seen God’s gift of peace lately?
I have seen peace …

Let us pray... We thank you God that you want to bring peace and freedom into every life. We thank you for the peace you have brought to us. Help us be witnesses of the peace you bring and help us shine the light of peace for those living in darkness. AMEN
Advent 3 – Joy

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The candle for this third week of Advent is the candle of joy. Today the flame of this candle reminds us of the joy that Jesus brings into this world and his presence with us. Jesus said “Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.”

[Light the candle.]

Where have you seen God’s gift of joy lately?

I have seen joy ...

Let us pray... We thank you God that you want to bring answers and joy into every life. We thank you for the joy you have brought to us. Help us be witnesses of the joy you bring and help us shine the light of joy for those living in darkness. AMEN
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The candle for this fourth week of Advent is the candle of love. Today the flame of this candle reminds us of the love that came to this world when Jesus was born and his presence with us. Jesus said “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; remain in my love.”

[Light the candle.]

Where have you seen God’s gift of love lately?
I have seen love ...

Let us pray... We thank you God that you want to bring love and relationship into every life. We thank you for the love you have brought to us. Help us be witnesses of the love you bring and help us shine the light of love for those living in darkness.

AMEN
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Each week of Advent we’ve lit another candle on this Advent Wreath. With its light comes our prayers and our stories.

The candle we light tonight is the Christ candle! The flame of this candle reminds us that God is with us and God knows what it’s like to be us. The Creator of the universe loves us so much that God became one of us and came to be among us and show us the way. As the prophet Isaiah foretold, they will call him Emmanuel which in Hebrew means, God with us.

[Light the candle.]

Where have you seen signs that God is with us lately?

I have seen God ...

Let us pray... We thank you God that you have come to be in relationship with us. We thank you for the hope, peace, joy, and love your presence brings us. Help us be witnesses of your presence in our lives and help us shine the light of Christ for all to see. AMEN