

## Advent at home

Try making an Advent wreath with some greens and 5 candles—4 on the perimeter of a circle, with a fifth candle in the circle's middle. A new candle gets lit each week, as each candle highlights a different aspect of Advent. Passages listed below can be read as part of the lighting; you can also read these portions during the week to spark thinking on each of the Advent themes. An Advent wreath will be part of Sunday worship at St. Thomas, and you may hear one or more of these passages read as part of those services, too.

### *First week: Hope*

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 149:1-11

Zechariah 9:9-13

Jeremiah 23:1-8

Jeremiah 33:14-22

### *Second week: Love*

John 3:16-19

Psalms 24:1-10

Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 8:35-39

1 John 4:7-11

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

### *Third week: Joy*

Matthew 2:10-11

Psalms 146:5-10

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 2:8-14

Psalms 94:17-19

### *Fourth week: Peace*

Isaiah 9:1-7

Luke 2:1-14

John 14:23-27

Isaiah 26:1-4

On Christmas Eve, the fifth candle—the Christ Candle—is lit, signifying how light has come into the world (John 1:1-9).