

Advent Candles at home 2020

Advent is coming!! It is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas, beginning on Sunday November 29th. Advent means “coming” in Latin, the coming of Jesus into the world. We use this time to prepare for and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

It’s been a tradition in our church to have an “Advent Wreath” with five candles, lighting one for each week and one for Christmas Day. This year, even though we can’t be together in person, we would still like to share the candle lighting together. To do this, we would like to encourage you to have your own five candles, which you might find at home already or buy quite cheaply. You can simply have your five candles in a circle, or you can even create your own simple “wreath” if you want to, using items you already have at home or in the garden. For example, flowers and greenery (kept away from the flames), small rocks or stones, tinsel or other Christmas decorations. It also would probably work best if your “wreath” is on some sort of base, e.g. a tray or a plate, so its easily moved if you need to for lighting during worship. Here’s some ideas for your home made “wreath” below.

We will light the candles each week together during worship in our Advent liturgy. And if you want to, you may also like to re light your candles at dinner time each week, or at times that you set aside for prayer. If you are prepared to take some photos of your candles (even week-by-week) we may be able to use them for a collage for next year.

