

## **Readings for Lighting Advent Candles** **(Option 1)**

***NOTE: You may choose any of these options regardless of which Advent wreath option you chose, and then use the lighting option you select for each of the Sundays of Advent.***

<b>HOPE    PEACE    JOY    LOVE</b>
<b>CHRIST CANDLE</b>

### **First Sunday of Advent**

**Light the first candle - for HOPE.**

**Prayer:** "Loving God, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. Help us watch and wait in hope for the coming of Jesus. Amen."

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

**Light the first candle and the second candle - for PEACE.**

**Prayer:** "Creator God, fill us with a sense of peace and love. Help us to listen to your voice in our lives each day. Amen."

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

**Light the first, second and third candle - for JOY.**

**Prayer:** "Living God, fill us with joy and wonder in all your creation. Help us to keep our hearts and hands open to others. Amen."

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Light the first, second, third, and fourth candle - for LOVE.**

**Prayer:** "Jesus, you are our greatest gift. Fill our homes with love and make us ready to receive you. Amen."

### **Christmas Eve**

**Light all candles and the white Christ candle.**

**Prayer:** "Living God, thank you for coming to live among us. Help us to live with hope, peace, joy and love. Amen."