

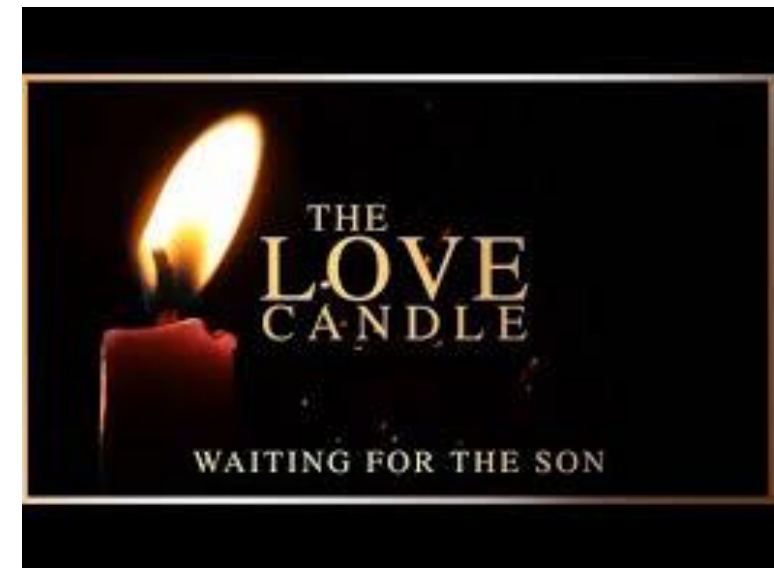


The Candle of Love

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Week Two of Advent

On Week Two of Advent, we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, the candle of Love. This is one of the purple candles.



Christ's coming

At this time of year, we think about Christ's birth and begin to prepare for his coming. Here is a scripture from the Bible:

John 3:16

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.



The Bethlehem Candle

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's Manger.

"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12, NIV)



The four candles

The four candles stand for Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. They each have a week of their own. The candle in the middle of the wreath, the Christ Candle, is lit on Christmas Day, because that is when he was born.



How do we show love?

Take the time to think of ways that you can show your love for Jesus and for one another.



Advent prayer: Week Two

A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us
with the irresistible power of a baby,
requiring both our hands
and captivating our whole hearts.
Help us to cast aside the sin
and brokenness that we cling to,
so we might be ready to hold you
when you come again.
Amen.

