

A watercolor illustration of a green wreath with white flowers, framing the text. The wreath is composed of various green leaves and stems, with a cluster of white flowers with yellow centers at the bottom center. The background is a solid purple color.

ADVENT
THE MEANING OF
THE ADVENT
WREATH

ADVENT, FROM THE LATIN WORD ADVENTUS MEANING ARRIVAL, IS THE 4-WEEK PERIOD PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS.

IT IS A TIME TO PONDER THE GREAT SACRIFICE THAT OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, MADE FOR US BY COMING TO EARTH AS AN INFANT.

HE LIVED A PERFECT LIFE, DIED A SACRIFICIAL DEATH, AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD FOR US. HE SAVED US FROM OUR SINS AND ETERNAL DAMNATION BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE, AND ADOPTS EACH PERSON INDIVIDUALLY INTO HIS FAMILY THROUGH BAPTISM AND FAITH IN HIM.

TRADITIONALLY, THE ADVENT WREATH SYMBOLIZES THE PASSAGE OF THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT.

IT IS TYPICALLY A CIRCULAR CANDLE HOLDER THAT HOLDS FIVE CANDLES. DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT ONE CANDLE ON THE WREATH IS LIT EACH SUNDAY UNTIL ALL OF THE CANDLES, INCLUDING THE FIFTH CANDLE, ARE LIT ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

EACH CANDLE CUSTOMARILY REPRESENTS AN ASPECT OF THE SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST.

MOST ADVENT WREATHS USE THREE COLOURS OF CANDLES – PURPLE, PINK, AND WHITE. HOWEVER, SOME MAY USE BLUE IN PLACE OF THE PURPLE. THE BIBLE READINGS BELOW CAN BE READ AS EACH CANDLE IS LIT.

**1ST CANDLE
(PURPLE)**

**THE PROPHECY
CANDLE OR CANDLE
OF HOPE**



**WE CAN HAVE
HOPE BECAUSE
GOD IS FAITHFUL
AND WILL KEEP
THE PROMISES
MADE TO US. OUR
HOPE COMES
FROM GOD!**

**“AND AGAIN, ISAIAH SAYS, ‘THE ROOT OF JESSE WILL SPRING UP,
ONE WHO WILL ARISE TO RULE OVER THE NATIONS; THE
GENTILES WILL HOPE IN HIM.’ MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU
WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU
MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT.” ~ ROMANS 15:12-13**

**2ND CANDLE
(PURPLE)**

**THE BETHLEHEM
CANDLE OR THE
CANDLE OF
PREPARATION**



**GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE
OF A SAVIOUR WHO
WOULD BE BORN IN
BETHLEHEM.
PREPARATION MEANS
TO "GET READY". HELP
US TO BE READY TO
WELCOME YOU, O GOD!**

**"AS IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE WORDS OF ISAIAH THE
PROPHET: 'A VOICE OF ONE CALLING IN THE DESERT, 'PREPARE
THE WAY FOR THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR HIM.
EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED IN, EVERY MOUNTAIN AND
HILL MADE LOW. THE CROOKED ROADS SHALL BECOME
STRAIGHT, THE ROUGH WAYS SMOOTH. AND ALL MANKIND WILL
SEE GOD'S SALVATION.' ~ LUKE 3:4-6**

**3RD CANDLE
(PINK)
THE SHEPHERD
CANDLE
OR
THE CANDLE OF JOY**



**THE SHEPHERDS
RECEIVED A
MESSAGE OF JOY!**

"AS IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE WORDS OF ISAIAH THE PROPHET: 'A VOICE OF ONE CALLING IN THE DESERT, 'PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR HIM. EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED IN, EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL MADE LOW. THE CROOKED ROADS SHALL BECOME STRAIGHT, THE ROUGH WAYS SMOOTH. AND ALL MANKIND WILL SEE GOD'S SALVATION.' ~ LUKE 3:4-6 "...AND SHE GAVE BIRTH TO HER FIRSTBORN, A SON. SHE WRAPPED HIM IN CLOTHS AND PLACED HIM IN A MANGER, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM IN THE INN. AND THERE WERE SHEPHERDS LIVING OUT IN THE FIELDS NEARBY, KEEPING WATCH OVER THEIR FLOCKS AT NIGHT. AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO THEM, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE AROUND THEM, AND THEY WERE TERRIFIED. BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM, 'DO NOT BE AFRAID. I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY THAT WILL BE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. TODAY IN THE TOWN OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU; HE IS CHRIST THE LORD. THIS WILL BE A SIGN TO YOU: YOU WILL FIND A BABY WRAPPED IN CLOTHS AND LYING IN A MANGER.' SUDDENLY A GREAT COMPANY OF THE HEAVENLY HOST APPEARED WITH THE ANGEL, PRAISING GOD AND SAYING, 'GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO MEN ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.' WHEN THE ANGELS HAD LEFT THEM AND GONE INTO HEAVEN, THE SHEPHERDS SAID TO ONE ANOTHER, 'LET'S GO TO BETHLEHEM AND SEE THIS THING THAT HAS HAPPENED, WHICH THE LORD HAS TOLD US ABOUT.'" ~ LUKE 2:7-15

**4TH CANDLE
(PURPLE)**

**THE ANGEL CANDLE
OR
THE CANDLE OF LOVE
PREPARATION**



**THE ANGELS
ANNOUNCED
THE GOOD NEWS
OF A SAVIOUR!**

**“...I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS THAT WILL CAUSE GREAT JOY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.
TODAY IN THE TOWN OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU; HE IS THE
MESSIAH, THE LORD” ~ LUKE 2:10B-11**

GOD SENT HIS ONLY SON TO EARTH TO SAVE US, BECAUSE HE LOVES US!

**“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. FOR
GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT TO
SAVE THE WORLD THROUGH HIM.” ~ JOHN 3:16-17**