



Week 1 Worship Resources: Born to Deliver

Scripture Passage: *Isaiah 40:1-5*

Traditional Song: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Advent Candle: Hope

Call to Worship:

In the darkness of hopelessness, hate and fear, God longs to comfort us.

Come thou long expected Jesus and make a way where there seems to be no way.

As we worship and praise you, prepare our hearts to hear the voices of your prophets once more.

Come thou long expected Jesus and challenge us with your truth once more.

As we wait for the Light to be born in our world and lives:

Come thou long expected Jesus and deliver us again in this sacred season.

Opening Unison Prayer:

God of love and mercy, deliver us! As we celebrate this joyous season, we can't help but reflect on the trying times of this year. We can't help but think of the hate, division, oppression, and tragedy that sweeps through our lands. Deliver us! Change our hearts oh God and heal our land. In these times and the days to come, may we be your instruments to change this world, to fix what is broken, to reach out to those in need. May we find comfort and hope in you, oh Christ, knowing that through you, the world might be saved.

Offering Introduction:

As we prepare for today's offering let us reflect on how we can help God come to our corner of the world through our ministry and mission

Offertory Prayer:

Emmanuel, come among us once more this Advent season. Help us to hear your voice calling in the wilderness. Continue to inspire us to actively live out our faith in the world and generously give of what we have. Continue to help us create spaces of hope and healing. Come, Lord Jesus, Come. Amen

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting:

The people waited for the Messiah, the hope of the world, to be born.

The people wait for the Messiah, the hope of the world, to be born again.

We light this candle as a sign of God's goodness and faithfulness.

We light this candle to remember that Christ is our hope.

(The candle is lit, and a moment of silence is observed)

Our hope is that as Christ is born to deliver us,

And the way of the Lord shall be made clear!

Song Suggestions:

UMH	#196	Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
	#2085	He Came Down (TRWS)
	#3047	God Almighty We Are Waiting (W&S)

CLUW	#147	While We Are Waiting, Come
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AAHH	#200	He Came Down
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MVPC	#82	Ven, Jesús muy esperado
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Contemporary	Matt Maher	Hope For Everyone
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Week 2 Worship Resources: The Path of Peace

Scripture Passage: *Isaiah 2:2-5*

Traditional Song: Blessed Be the God of Israel

Advent Candle: Peace

Call to Worship:

To a world marked by violence:

The prophets cast a vision where we turn our weapons into everyday tools.

To a world where children practice “active shooter drills”, where schools and churches are no longer safe spaces:

Christ calls us not to live in fear.

To a world where war and hate seem to be victorious:

We are thankful that those who walk in the Lord’s light know that peace will reign forever.

Opening Unison Prayer:

God of peace and justice, we look to you today, our help in ages past. Time after time you have been our Rock and Refuge; our bridge over troubled waters; and our peace in the midst of trouble times. Just as the people were anxiously waiting for the messiah to come, we ask for the pouring of your spirit; that there might be peace in our homes, our communities, our nation, and all across the world. Jehovah Shalom, we ask you today, let there be peace on earth.

Offering Introduction:

As you prepare to give generously consider what it means to be a people of peace in our community.

Offertory Prayer:

Holy God we seek to follow your path in this world. Among violence, hatred, and fear you call us to be your people, people of light and peace. Help us to use these gifts to combat systems of oppression that have gained power. May all we do in this place honor your name, Amen.

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting:

In the beauty of this Advent season we light the candle of hope.

(Light the first candle)

With the hope of Christ in our hearts, we dream of what could be:

A world in which the Prince of Peace reigns and we walk in God’s paths.

We light this candle as a sign of God’s protection and care.

We light this candle to remember that Christ is our peace.

(The second candle is lit, and a moment of silence is observed)

Our peace is that Christ is born to lead us,

And the day is coming when the wolf and the lamb shall lie together!

Traditional/Contemporary Global Praise Song Suggestions:

UMH	#209 – Blessed Be The God Israel
CLUW	#148- Come Now, Prince of Peace
AAHH	#492 – I’ve Got Peace Like A River
	#498 – Let There Be Peace On Earth
MVPC	#79 – El Dios de Paz
Contemporary	Michael W. Smith – You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)
	Matt Maher – Glory (Let There Be Peace)



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Week 3 Worship Resources: Rejoice! Rejoice!

Scripture Passage: *Isaiah 35*

Traditional Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Advent Candle: Joy

Call to Worship:

If the events of this world make your head hang low:

Lift up your heads, for the glorious King is coming!

If the world has ever made you doubt:

Hold fast to the truth that God is strong and powerful!

Worship this day with hearts open to receive God's blessings and righteousness.

We worship with gladness!

Opening Unison Prayer:

Holy God, we come into your presence with joy and singing today, as we celebrate this miraculous season. This season in which our Savior has come to bring us hope, peace, and joy. How our world has changed since his astounding birth. For this great gift, we give you praise and thanks. For the gifts that he brings, especially the joy of eternal hope and freedom in you, we give you praise and thanks. Receive now our worship and help us to share this joy with all that our paths may cross.

Offering Introduction:

As we prepare for today's offering let us reflect on what it means to be people of joy in a world that desperately needs it.

Offertory Prayer:

Holy One we rejoice with all of creation in the wondrous things you have done, are doing, and will do in the world. We celebrate this day knowing that You are at work providing freedom, healing, and wholeness to many through the work we do in this community. Grant us the courage to continue to join you in this work of restoration. Grant us the boldness to be people of joy in the bleakest places. May we continually rejoice in who you are! Amen

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting:

In the beauty of this Advent season we light candles of hope and peace.

(Light the first two candles)

As we work to make the earth as it is in heaven:

The joy of the Lord fills our hearts and reminds us of the true meaning of this season.

We light this candle as a sign of God's presence and grace.

We light this candle to remember that Christ is our joy.

(The third candle is lit, and a moment of silence is observed)

Our joy is not found in wrappings or trimmings, or under a tree. Our joy comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth!

And the day is coming when the whole world will know God's joy!

Song Suggestions:

UMH #211 O Come, O Come Emmanuel and #204 Emmanuel

MVPC #80 Oh ven, Emanuel and #76 Emmanuel

Contemporary Global Praise vol. 3 #10 – Everyone's Rejoicing

Lauren Daigle – Light of The World

Matt Maher – Glory (Let There Be Peace)



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Week 4 Worship Resources: Lift Up Your Heads

Scripture Passage: *Psalm 24*

Traditional Song: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Advent Candle: Love

Call to Worship:

Like water in the desert and dry land: worship refreshes us and makes us glad.

Like the blooms that burst forth in the wilderness: worship leaves us rejoicing with joy and singing!

We gather to worship knowing it will give strength to the weak, open the eyes of the blind, clear the ears of the deaf, allow the lame to leap and set us all on the path called The Holy Way.

We worship with open hearts, inviting God to overwhelm us with joy.

Opening Unison Prayer:

Gracious God, we have come to celebrate our hope and faith in you. When the world looks for hope for the future, we look to you. When we find ourselves in the toils of life feeling weak and lost, we find safety and strength in you. May we live to love as you have. May we give of ourselves and resources and you have so freely given us your Son in this season. And through us, may your love be a light to all those in darkness.

Offering Introduction:

As we prepare to give our offering today let us consider what it means to do kin(g)dom work in our corner of the world.

Offertory Prayer:

King of Glory wake us up to witness you at work in the world. Wake us up from our complacency and the ways we ignore the needs of those around us. Inspire us to work towards being worthy of standing before you. May we give out of a desire, not obligation. In Your name we pray, Amen

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting:

In the beauty of this Advent season we light the candles of hope, peace, and joy.

(Light the first three candles)

As we near the birth of Christ, we make room in our hearts for the fullness of God's love.

We lift our heads and rise up high so the glorious king can enter!

We light this candle as a sign of God's endless love for us.

We light this candle to remember that Christ is our love.

(The fourth candle is lit, and a moment of silence is observed.)

We love because God first loved us.

And the love of God shall be known in every corner of the earth for the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!

Traditional/Contemporary Global Praise Song Suggestions:

UMH #213 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, #218 It Came Upon A Midnight Clear and
#203 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CLUW # 149 – God Brings the Kingdom

AAHH #215 It Came Upon A Midnight Clear, #187 Hail to the Lord's Anointed and
#167 In The Presence of Jehovah

MVPC #90 A media noche resono
#81 Dad Gloria al Ungido

Contemporary Global Praise vol. 3 – Savior of the nations, come (Martin Luther)
Elevation Worship – Here Comes Heaven
Hillsong Worship – Peace Has Come



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Week 5 Worship Resources: Light of the World (Christmas Eve)

Scripture Passage: *Luke 2:1-20*

Traditional Song: Jesus the Light of the World

Advent Candle: Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

People of God rejoice!

Christ, the Hope of the World, has been born to us this night!

People of God give praise!

Christ, the Prince of Peace, has been born for us this night!

People of God celebrate!

Christ, the Love of God, has been born with us this night!

People of God worship!

Christ, the Joy of all Nations, has been born among us this night!

Opening Unison Prayer:

Giving God, the night approaches that the Messiah has finally come. We rejoice together in the precious gift, our Savior. We rejoice in our salvation. And we rejoice that this salvation is available to all. May we share this gift everywhere we go. May we celebrate and give thanks for this gift every chance we get. And may all we do be reflection of this gift, your saving grace, at work in us.

Offering Introduction:

As people of the Light where are the places we are being called to shine in? Let us reflect on the places and spaces that may need our light.

Offertory Prayer:

Ever brilliant God you dazzle us with your glory and splendor, yet you came to us as a small baby in a manger. You remind us again and again that amazing things can come out of small, ordinary places. Inspire us to understand what it means to be Your light in the world and help us to shine brighter and brighter so you may be glorified in our giving and our living. Amen

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting:

In the beauty of this Advent and Christmas season, we light the candles of hope, peace, joy and love.

(Light the first four candles)

And tonight, we rejoice because the brightest light:

The Light of the World has been born to overcome our darkness!

We light this center candle, the Christ candle, as a sign of God dwelling here among us, born as a baby, Love-made-flesh.

Traditional/Contemporary Global Praise Song Suggestions:

UMH #246 Joy to the World, #220 Angels from the Realms of Glory, #3056 Jesus the Light of the World (W&S verses by Ken Bible) and #239 Silent Night, Holy Night

CLUW #161 Joy to the World and #161 Silent Night, Holy Night

AAHH #197 Joy to the World #207 Angels from the Realms of Glory, #217 Jesus, the Light of the World (with Charles Wesley Verses) and #216 – Behold the Star

MVPC #100 Dichosa tierra, proclamad and #103 – Noche de paz

Contemporary What A Beautiful Name/Agnus Dei Medley– Travis Cottrell arrangement

Hope Was Born This Night – Sidewalk Prophets

He Shall Reign Forevermore – Chris Tomlin

Love Came Down – Bethel Music



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Week 6 Worship Resources: Go Tell It (Sunday After Christmas)

Scripture Passage: *Luke 2:8-20*

Traditional Song: Go Tell it on the Mountain

Call to Worship:

Some say it is over.

The meals are cooked and cleaned up, the gifts wrapped and unwrapped, the hustle and bustle slowing its pace.

But the people of God know Christmas has just begun.

There is hope to proclaim, peace to embody, love to share and joy to dispel.

Oh Christmas people, if Christ is truly to be born in us then Christmas has just begun and now we must be little-Christ Christians to the world.

Let us worship and hear once more the call to go and tell the Good News of Christmas!

Opening Unison Prayer:

Help me, Lord, to remember that faith [religion] is not to be confined to the church, or closet, nor exercised only in prayer and meditation, but that everywhere I am in thy presence. So, may my every word and action have a moral content. May all things instruct me and afford me an opportunity of exercising some virtue and daily learning and growing toward your likeness. And may the gospel I preach, be the life I live. – Adapted from Susanna Wesley

Offering Introduction:

Just like the shepherds we are told to go and tell the story of who God is and what God is about. As we prepare to give today let us consider what Good News God is calling us to tell.

Offertory Prayer:

God we are your people of the Good News bringing words of promise and possibility to a world seeking guidance. Inspire us to go and tell others of the mighty things you have done through our mission and ministry in this place. May you be pleased with all that happens here, and may you continue to bless us to carry on this work. Amen

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting:

In the beauty of this Advent and Christmas season, we light the candles of hope, peace, joy and love.

(Light the first four candles)

We light this center candle, the Christ candle, to remember that Christ is the Light of the World and we are sent forth to be that Light for the world.

(The Center Christ candle is lit, and a moment of silence is observed)

We rejoice that Christ has been born!

We rejoice that God now invites us to go and tell the entire world this Good News!

Song Suggestions:

UMH #251 Go Tell It on the Mountain, #240 Hark the Herald Angels Sing, #2091 The King of Glory Comes (TFWS) and #3060 Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child (W&S)

CLUW #156 He Is Born

AAHH #202 Go Tell It on the Mountain

MVPC #101 Oíd un son en alta esfera

Contemporary Global Praise vol. 3 – How Wondrous the Birth of Jesus *Wonani kupswalwa ka Jesu*
Messiah – Francesca Battistelli
Emmanuel – Norman Hutchins



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