



Week 1 Worship Resources: Deck the Halls with Hope | Isaiah 9:2-7

Call to Worship:

Let's deck the halls with the hope of the coming King!

We once walked in darkness.

Now we see a great light!

Even in times of uncertainty

We can lift our hands in praise.

Let's deck the halls with hope!

Unison Prayer: Holy One, we gather this day awaiting the promise you offer to us. Turn our eyes to witness you at work among us. Remind us in places and spaces of darkness that you are light. Slow our pace and help us to ready our hearts as we continue to wait in hope for your coming glory in our world. Amen.

Offering Introduction: God is always at work, in the world and in each of us. This day we are called to trust in the hope the Christ child offers in the midst of uncertain spaces and times. Our offerings are a sign of our trusting hope in all that God is doing in our world.

Offertory Prayer: Gracious God, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us. Help us to understand and trust in the kingdom you have begun building. May all we give this day further its reach in our world. Amen.

Music Suggestions:

UMH #213 – Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH #196 – Come Thou Long Expected Jesus MVPC #82 – Ven, Jess muy esperado

W&S 33047 – God Almighty, We Are Waiting (same tune as Come Thou Long Expected Jesus)

Vertical Worship – It Came to Pass (Worthy Worthy) CCLI #7121128

Chris Tomlin/Matt Maher – He Shall Reign Forevermore - CCLI #7050416

Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Advent Wreath Liturgy: (Music Suggestion: Light the Advent Candle – The Faith We Sing #2090)

During the season of Advent, we make space to light candles in our churches and our homes, inviting God to dwell among us and inspire us. As we journey towards the manger, the next step may seem uncertain, but we proclaim that we trust in the unknown because we trust in the one who knows all.

Today we light the candle of HOPE, assured by the one who goes before us and with us.

Light one purple/blue candle.

May the one who is coming inspire us to keep hoping. Amen.



Week 2 Worship Resources: Deck the Halls with Peace | Isaiah 26:7-13

Call to Worship:

Let's deck the halls with the peace of the coming Savior!

There is comfort here for all.

In this season that can be stressful

We praise the Prince of Peace.

God has prepared a way for us.

Let's deck the halls with peace!

Unison Prayer: Gracious God, slow us down amid this season's chaos. Slow us down to witness your beauty in the littlest details. Slow us down to understand what you are calling us to do. Slow us down so we can appreciate your hand at work. Slow us down and grant us peace. Amen.

Offering Introduction: The world distracts and deters us, yet we are called to follow the road map God lays before us. The way will have its difficulties, but God invites us to focus on the path before us and grants us peace.

Offertory Prayer: Mighty God, as you prepare the way for us you conquer the obstacles that would hinder our journey. Help us to shift our focus to see you more clearly. Grant us the wisdom to help create spaces of peace in your name for the good of all. Amen.

Music Suggestions :

Christ is the World's Light UMH #188

UMH #230 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH #204 – Emmanuel, Emmanuel CLUW#40; MVPC #76 Emanuel

W&S #3159 – Let our Earth be Peaceful

Matt Maher – Glory (Let There Be Peace) CCLI # 7071972

Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Advent Wreath Liturgy:

Last week we lit the candle of hope, a reminder to trust in the spaces and places of uncertainty.

Light first candle.

Today we light the candle of peace, inviting God to still us and helps us witness the dream of peace that God has for us all.

Light one purple/blue candle.

May we remember to trust in the Prince of Peace. Amen.



Week 3 Worship Resources: Deck the Halls with Joy | Luke 1:39-55

Call to Worship:

Let's deck the halls with the joy of coming Messiah

We rejoice in our God our Savior.

God has done great things for us.

Joy has come in unexpected ways.

Our hearts are overflowing!

Let's deck the halls with joy!

Unison Prayer: Merciful God, we ask you to open us up to hear the words of Mary's song once more. May we be inspired this day to create change. May we be stirred to action in our faith community and beyond it. May we listen to your voice, still speaking among us. Shift us so that we live fully as people of joy. Amen.

Offering Introduction: God's joy is contagious! It calls us to celebrate the blessings that have come, are here and will come because we know God is faithful towards us. May we give joyfully from what we have been blessed with, knowing that God will use our gifts to multiply God's blessings in the world.

Offertory Prayer: Great God of Power, you continue to inspire us to live more fully in this world as your people. May the gifts we give this day inspire hope, grant peace and be received with joy. Amen.

Music Suggestions:

UMH #211 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; MVPC #80 Oh ven, Emanuel

UMH#221 – In the Bleak Midwinter

UMH#223 – Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

UMH#203 – Hail to the Lord's Anointed – CLUW#39; MVPC#81 Dad gloria al ungiado

Chris Tomlin – Hymn of Joy – CCLI#7050420

Kirk Franklin – Joy

Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Advent Wreath Liturgy:

The lights of hope and peace have invited us to be part of God's dream for wholeness in the world.

Light two purple/blue candles.

Today we light the candle of joy, as a reminder that this time of waiting is not one of sorrow but one of possibility.

Light the pink candle.

May we make space to connect with the one who breathes joy into our world. Amen.



Week 4 Worship Resources: Deck the Halls with Love | Matthew 1:18-25

Call to Worship:

Let's deck the halls with the love of Emmanuel!

When we are fearful,

God is with us.

When we are discouraged,

God is with us!

Let's deck the halls with love!

Unison Prayer: Holy One, we give you thanks that you are with us, in all situations and places helping us witness hope, providing us peace, offering us joy. Inspire us this day and every day to show others love through our words and actions. May we choose love, always. Amen.

Offering Introduction: Love changes things; love changes us. When we choose love, we proclaim that the God who is with us is with all of us. May our gifts reflect our commitment to love all, as we have first been loved by God.

Offertory Prayer: Emmanuel, we thank you for the ways you open our ears, eyes and hearts to witness you. May we all continue to grow your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

Music Suggestions:

UMH#234 – O Come, All Ye Faithful – MVPC #106 – Venid, fieles todos

UMH#220 – Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH #149 – Canetmos Al Senor (Let's Sing unto the Lord) - CLUW#27; MVPC#49

All Sons & Daughters – Come to Save Us – CCLI #5887842

Kari Jobe – Love Came Down CCLI Song # 7121835

Sidewalk Prophets – Hope Was Born This Night

Israel & New Breed – O Come

Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Advent Wreath Liturgy:

The gifts of hope, peace, and joy have helped to sustain us on this Advent journey. They have reminded us of the one who walks with us and goes before us.

Light two purple/blue candles and one pink candle.

This day we light the candle of LOVE, as a reminder to choose love as we go through each day.

Light one purple/blue candle.

May the one who is love inspire us to care for and extend the welcome of God's kingdom to all people.



Christmas Eve: Deck the Halls for Christ | Luke 2:1-20

Call to Worship:

Let's deck the halls for the Messiah,

An infant wrapped in simple clothes.

Like the angels and the shepherds worshipped

We celebrate our Savior.

Glory to God in the Highest!

Let's deck the halls for Christ!

Unison Prayer: Holy One, we celebrate this night that you came into this world not with trumpets blazing or with any obvious power but as a baby in an ordinary place. You turned the world on its head that night, and you continue to turn the world today. Turn us towards justice, towards hope, towards peace, towards joy, and towards love. Turn us so that we can witness you in every moment of every day. Joy to the world! The Lord has come! Amen.

Offering Introduction: This night we proclaim that God is still working, still moving and still speaking in this world. May we open ourselves to witness what God is calling us to do.

Offertory Prayer: Everlasting God, this night we gather to celebrate your coming into the world to transform it and make it new. May what we give continue your transforming work to all corners and all people. Amen.

Music Suggestions:

UMH#238 – Angels We Have Heard on High; MVPC #98 – Angelese cantando estn

UMH #239 – Silent Night, Holy Night; CLUW #160; MVPC #103 – Noche de paz

UMH #246 – Joy to the World; CLUW #161; MVPC#100 #Dichosa tierra, proclamad

W&S #3066 – Still, Still, Still

Hillsong Worship – When I Think Upon Christmas CCLI ##7095539

Phil Wickham – Face of God – CCLI #7121311

Kari Jobe – Adore Him CCLI#5455315

Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Advent Wreath Liturgy:

Throughout this season of expectant waiting God has offered us hope, peace, joy and love.

Light three purple/blue candles and one pink candle.

These things have invited each of us closer to the coming one, the Christ Child. This night we light this center candle for Christ- who changed and continues to change the world with hope, peace, joy and love.

Light the center white candle.

May we carry these gifts in our hearts and share them in the world.



First Sunday After Christmas: Deck the Halls with A Promise Fulfilled | Luke 2:22-40

Call to Worship:

Let's deck the halls with promises fulfilled!

God has given us hope and peace.

God has given us joy and love.

God has given us Jesus.

Through Jesus we have renewed purpose

Let's deck the halls with promises fulfilled!

Unison Prayer: Gracious God, you have given us hope when we despair, peace during times of chaos and unrest, joy in places of sorrow and despair, and love in the midst of hate. These generous gifts have changed us and inspired us to live fully as your people in this world. Help us to cling to all you have offered us and offer it to others as well!
Amen.

Offering Introduction: God offers us possibility this day, calling us to choose to praise no matter what. While we may not be sure of what the next year, month, day, or moment may hold, we know that God is faithful, and God has a plan for us. It is with that confidence that we are called to praise God with our voices, lives and gifts.

Offertory Prayer: Creating God, may what we give this day bless others and us in your name. Amen.

Music Suggestions:

UMH #245 – The First Noel ; MVPC #89 La primera Navidad

UMH #240 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MVPC#101 – Od un son en alta esfera

UMH #251 – Go, Tell it on the Mountain MVPC#97 – Ve, di en la montaa

W&S #3060 – Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What A Wonderful Child

W&S #3056 – Jesus, the Light of the World

Hillsong – Prince of Heaven - CCLI #7095645

Meredith Andrews – He Has Come For Us – CCLI # 5683022

Preaching Resources | Additional Components:

Advent Wreath Liturgy: *No liturgy. All candles lit at the beginning of the service.*