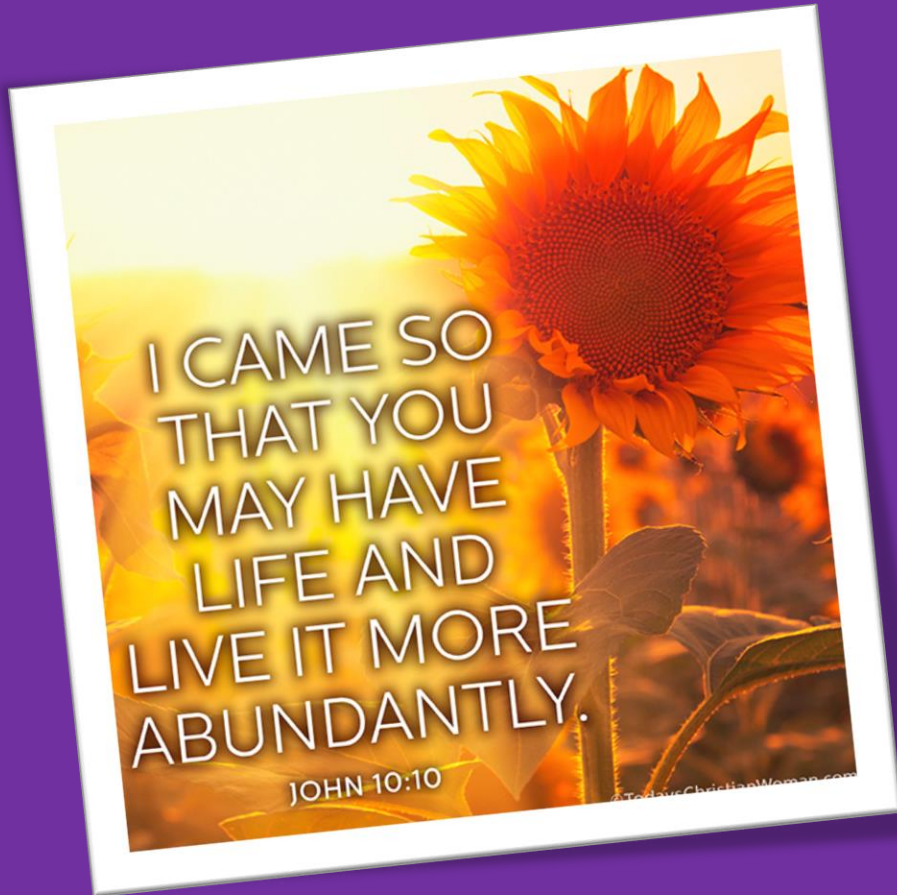


Celebration of the Word



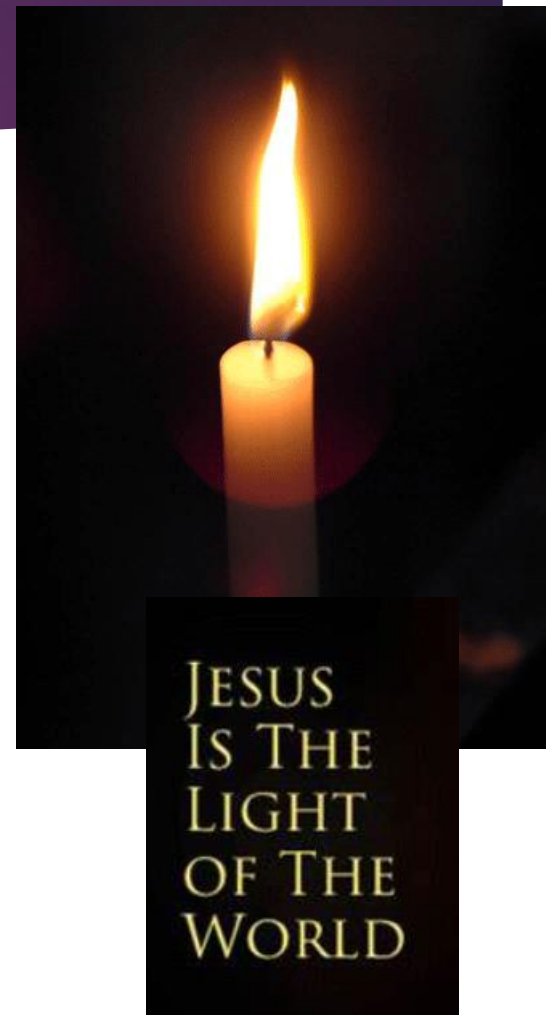
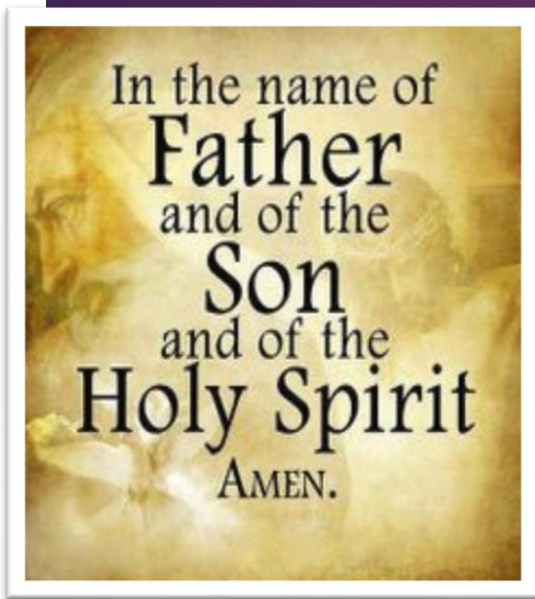
The First Week of Advent



“Advent Hope”



We
gather



Thoughts for the week...

This week, we celebrate the first week of Advent. Advent is a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. It is very exciting when we know that someone is coming to visit us. We make sure that we are ready when they come. Today we are going to think about what it means to be welcoming, and how we get ready to welcome Jesus.





First Sunday of Advent
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

What is special about waiting for Jesus during Advent is hope. We have hope that Jesus will one day come again and make all things new. We have hope because of his birth long ago in a stable in Bethlehem, when he came to show all people God's love for us.

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Loving God, you sent your Son Jesus into the world to show us how to live. Help us to be ready when he comes. Help us to make all visitors feel welcome and cared for. Amen.



*We
respond*

Allow additional time for all who would like to, to share their prayers and messages for Jesus.



Jesus asks to be ready when he comes again. How do you think we can get ready to welcome Jesus in our lives?

Is it just about buying presents and putting up Christmas trees?

Are there other things we need to do? (eg sharing with others, being kind, helping other people).

What will you do this week to make sure you are ready when Jesus comes?

Play Living Hope after listening to these words.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f2FXxDVO6w>

This week, continue to think about what you can do to get ready for the coming of Jesus...



We go forth:

Loving God, may your love be with us always and bring peace and joy to all people around the world, as we wait in hope for the coming of your Son Jesus. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



We go forth:



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let it
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