

Unwrapping the Gift of Jesus



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Peace United Church of Christ

Worship Resources for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

Welcome to Advent! If you have an Advent wreath at home, place it nearby and light it as part of the service.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.
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Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Prayer of Invocation

The Promised One, Messiah, will soon be with us!

The Gift is coming near, and we are amazed at all that he brings.

A mind and heart fixed on justice, a life informed by the greatest gift, your love.

Grant us moments to experience your love, as it washed over us

in the sounds and silences of these next days.

Let us go to Bethlehem and see Love! Amen

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: The Candle of Love

Prayer: *Loving God, we marvel at your great love for us. May your love transform our lives as we welcome Jesus. Open our hearts to receive your love and help us share it with the world. Amen*

Scripture Readings Isaiah 7: 10-16

Matthew 1: 18-25

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Closing Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Benediction & Sending Forth

NOTE: Please remember to watch Christmas Eve worship!