

The Advent Wreath



Round shape— God's eternity

Evergreen leaves— God is unchangeable. Green = HOPE

4 candles— the number of centuries man waited for the coming of the Messiah.(4 Sundays)

Purple candles — season of PREPARATION. (PENANCE is during Lent.)

Pink candle— JOY

Third Sunday of Advent— Gaudete Sunday("Let us Rejoice!")

Gradual illumination— getting closer to Christmas(more light, more JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!)

White candle— Christmas Day! (PURITY OF CHRIST)

Week 1 — HOPE, "Prophet's Candle," Jesus is coming.

Week 2 —LOVE, "Bethlehem Candle," Mary and Joseph traveling

Week 3 — JOY, "Shepherd's Candle," Joy of the world for the coming of Jesus.

Week 4 — PEACE, "Angel's Candle," Messengers of "peace on Earth Good will to Men."



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