

## ADVENT: CANDLE OF LOVE

Monday, December 22

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-15

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The word Advent means “coming.” It is a season filled with expectation.  
It’s a time when we remember a world that was waiting for a coming Savior.

Out of darkness light shines. This light points us to the One whose love overcame the darkness of this world and whose love will be our light in the world to come. As we wait for Christ to return, we can see His love grow.

Today we light the candle of love because we know that Jesus is love.  
It is our hope that His church will grow as we share His love with each other.

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May we grow in love as we await Christ’s return.

### PRAYER

God, we love you because we know that in Jesus you loved us first. Help us to love each other more and more, and to tell the whole world about the love of Jesus. Amen.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL

“Silent Night”

Joseph Mohr / Franz Gruber

Silent night, holy night! / All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin, mother and Child / Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace / Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night! / Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar / Heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born / Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night! / Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face / With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth / Jesus Lord, at Thy birth