

First Sunday of Advent

Promise

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2,6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named:

*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*

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Introduction

The first candle is the Candle of Promise – God's promise of the coming Messiah. Isaiah looked beyond his own time of pain and sorrow to a new day of truth and light, to a new age – Jesus the Christ. Isaiah gives us great expectations; his message is one of joy and anticipation.

We today, because of God's promise of His word, prepare our hearts, homes, and churches in the celebration of His birth.



Lighting of the Advent Candle

Light the first purple candle.

Response:

May we be reminded of God's promise to us on this first Advent Sunday.