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Advent Wreath Lighting (1st Sunday in Advent)

Deacon: Seth Gandee

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Congregation: How does this happen?

Deacon: God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

All: "Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

Deacon: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah: "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness," (Jer. 33:14-16).

Congregation: Today we wait for the coming of Jesus. We begin in the dark, and on this first Sunday of Advent, we light the first candle...known as the candle of **HOPE**.

First candle is lit. (JUST the PINK)

Deacon: Every week in Advent, we will light another candle. Each candle that we light will remind us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus.

All: The Kingdom of God is drawing near. May we prepare our hearts with God's peace. God's justice, and God's love. Amen.

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