

LIGHT THE WAY TO JESUS

The theme for each week involves a verb, a word that describes something fire does...or moves us to do. May the days of December leading up to Christmas grow brighter in the light of these Advent flames.



Week 1 – I G N I T E

The first Advent candle seems to “ignite” the season, letting us know that the time is really moving on, that what we await is actually drawing near. There are more candles to come, more lessons to learn from their light. But, like lighting a match, this is a place to start.



Week 2 – W A R M

Most homes have some kind of furnace to provide warmth, and most of those furnaces involve flames. Many of them begin the process with a single pilot light – very much like the Advent candle with which we began this season. From that small beginning, comforting things begin to happen. Maybe we take them for granted, but we would miss the warmth if it were not there.



Week 3 – W E L D

It is interesting that an intense flame very similar to the kind used to cut things apart is also used to bring things together. A welder’s torch uses flames to form a strong bond. So our Advent flames may urge us to appreciate the bond our God has formed with us by sending his Son to be one with us...and so the bond by which Christ’s coming joins us to one another in the family of faith.



Week 4 – R E C A L L

By the light of the Advent wreath, recall the first time you heard the Christmas story. Recall also those people with whom you shared it...and who shared it with you. In the warm glow of memory, take the time to recall Christmas seasons past, and to give thanks to a generous God for all that you remember.