

# All about the wreath candles!

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## ***Advent week 1 – Hope: Prophecy Candle (purple)***

*The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.*



## *Advent week 2 – Faith: Bethlehem Candle (purple)*

*The second candle, also purple, **represents faith**. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.*



## *Advent week 3 – Joy: Shepard's Candle (pink)*

*The third candle is pink and **symbolizes joy**. It is called the “Shepard's Candle,” and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy.*



## ***Advent week 4 – Peace: Peace Candle (purple)***

*On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. The “Angel’s Candle,” symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”*



## ***Advent week 5 – Christ Candle (white)***

*Lastly, there is the fifth a final candle, the Christ candle. While not all Advent candle wreaths include this additional candle, the center white candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, celebrating the arrival of that which we have been anticipating. Jesus is born and our season of waiting is at an end.*

