

# ADVENT WEEK 1: HOPE

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## PROPHET'S CANDLE

**PASTOR:** The candle of Hope is the first candle of the Advent season. It symbolizes the hopeful longing and expectation the people of God had as they waited the promised Messiah, the Savior of the world. Over the course of several hundred years they waited, hoping that God would not leave them or forsake them, but show mercy to them, and fulfill the words of the prophet Isaiah that: *“The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.”*

*(Isaiah 11:10)*



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**CONGREGATION:** Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

*(2 Corinthians 4:16-18)*



*E B C L A P R E S E N T S*

# *PEACE*

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*O N E A R T H*

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# *CHAOS*

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“Ours is a world of global turbulence, vicious terrorism, and random violence. After decades of checked hostilities in many parts of the world—albeit punctuated by war, injustice, and abuse—the roiling narratives of instability and unfettered attack seem to be increasingly normative.”

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A dandelion seed head on a stem, held by a hand, against a sunset background. The text "SHALOM: WHOLENESS" is overlaid in white.

SHALOM: *WHOLENESS*

*48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

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Matthew 5



*4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.  
5 Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.*

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Isaiah 9







*<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his  
shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

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Isaiah 9

*<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government  
and peace*

*there will be no end.*

*He will reign on David's throne*

*and over his kingdom,*

*establishing and upholding it*

*with justice and righteousness*

*from that time on and forever.*


*The zeal of the Lord Almighty*

*will accomplish this.*

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Isaiah 9



A wide waterfall cascading down a mossy cliff face, with a person standing on a rocky shore in the foreground with arms raised.

*PEACE LIKE A RIVER.*



*HE TOOK OUR VIOLENCE  
AND HOSTILITY.*



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