Theme: Advent is a time to reflect upon the coming of Christ, and how He is the source of true hope, peace, love, and joy.

### I. The Advent of Hope in Christ

- A. Theme: In times of distress we need to expectantly wait upon God, knowing we can have hope because He is the Sovereign God Who has fulfilled all of His promises in Christ.
- B. Text: Isaiah 40
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Romans 15:13
- E. Teaching keywords: Advent and Christmas, hope; Jesus; Sovereignty of God

#### II. The Advent of Peace in Christ

- A. Theme: Peace comes from within through the strength that Christ provides, not from our external circumstances or possessions.
- B. Text: Luke 8:22-25
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: John 14:27
- E. Teaching keywords: Advent and Christmas, peace and comfort; Jesus

# III. The Advent of Love in Christ

- A. Theme: God showed His love for us by sending His Son to sacrificially lay down His life for us, and we are to follow His example by laying down our lives for others.
- B. Text: John 15:13; 1 John 4:7-12
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
- E. Teaching keywords: Advent and Christmas, love; Jesus

# IV. The Advent of Joy in Christ

- A. Theme: All people are motivated by the search for joy and happiness, but the route to real joy is through the shadow's valley and into the wide open arms of your Lord.
- B. Text: John 15:9-11
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Jude 24-25
- E. Teaching keywords: Advent and Christmas, joy; Jesus

# VI. The Advent of Life in Christ

- A. Theme: Christ has come that we might experience true, full life, now and eternally.
- B. Text: Romans 5:1-5
- C. Response: Silent Night/Candle Lighting/O Come Let Us Adore Him
- D. Benediction: Special Christmas blessing
- E. Teaching keywords: Advent and Christmas, Jesus; hope; peace and comfort; love; joy

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