

Theme: Advent is a time when we reflect upon the coming of Christ, to prepare our hearts to celebrate the Incarnation and to look forward to His glorious return.

## **I. Unwrapping Hope In Christ**

- A. Theme: The hope that overcomes the despair and alienation caused by the fall is found in Christ, as we look to Him in faith.
- B. Text: Lamentations 3:19-26
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Romans 15:13

## **II. Unwrapping Peace In Christ**

- A. Theme: Christ is the Prince of Peace, who brings full peace - the blessed life that flows from the righteousness of God.
- B. Text: Isaiah 9:6-7
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 3:16

## **III. Unwrapping Love In Christ**

- A. Theme: The love of God - which is the source of all love - has taken human form in Jesus, and we are called to believe in Him and love others as He did.
- B. Text: 1 John 4:9-11
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **IV. Unwrapping Joy in Christ**

- A. Theme: True joy is found in Christ, Who has come to save and restore us to God, the source of all true joy.
- B. Text: Luke 2:10-11
- C. Response: Joy To the World
- D. Benediction: Jude 24-25

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