



The Light of Hope

Date & Time: 10:00 am on Nov. 29.2020

Place: Wesley Grove UMC

ADVENT



Brief written description of the proposal

We are so quick to come to Christmas during the Advent. Advent is leads up to and anticipate the time of Christmas. Advent is the great opportunity to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ and prepare ourselves for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Since the pandemic, when we look around the world or when we look back the time this year, we could say that we live the discouraging and challenging time. Even though there seems no hope for the future, Jesus is the hope who will light this darken time through the victory over the darkness.



Worship space

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Change the banner color to purple

- Church Tradition (UMC)
- Purple is the color of royalty and the sovereignty of Christ, who is known as the "King of Kings."
- Purple is also the liturgical color for the season of Lent, which similarly involves a time of reflection, repentance, self-denial, and spiritual readiness.



Sheer Curtain and Star

- Sheer material fabric on the altar coming from top of the ceiling to the floor of the stage with light inside the fabric: God incarnate into the human body and coming from heaven to the earth in the human form for us.
- Star represent Jesus who is the light of hope
- Why Transparent White? Because Jesus is sinless and worthy to be praised. On the top of the fabric, put the stars and on the floor, put empty manger.



Empty Manger

No baby in the manger since Jesus has not come yet. Plan to put baby Jesus on the Christmas eve.

It is important to notice people that Advent is not Christmas, but it leads up to the time of Christmas and wonderful opportunity to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ.





Crown under the manger

- Put purple crown under the empty manger
- Shows who is coming while the manger is empty
- Claims our faith that Jesus is the King
- Show our readiness to praise the King of Kings and willingness to prepare ourselves for Jesus' return



Advent Candles

- Three purple and one pink candle will make circle and one bigger white candle in the middle of other candles
- Remove small pulpit and place the Advent Candles there
- We used to put it beside large pulpit but since we are recommended to keep 6ft apart, I recommend to put Advent Candles where small pulpit stands; so we can keep social distance.

Pew Candles

- The light should shine both on the altar and among the congregation. For the safety reason, it will be flameless candles.
- This represents the coming of the light of Christ into the world and will shine the world.
- Light represents that Jesus is hope who will accomplish the promise of His return by bringing the victory over the darkness.





Presents under Christmas tree

- The Giving Tree
- This represents that we as disciples and followers of Jesus Christ, we are carrying the mission of Jesus Christ and claiming Jesus as the Lord, Savior, and King of Kings, bringing the glory to God. We are to share the hope of our faith with other by sharing the present to those in need. Thus, we can bring out the hope to the world rather than we enjoy the gift of hope in the church by ourselves.
- Need Congregation's participation in this collecting project

Chapple planning outline

- Since pandemic, we need to be cautious to gather at the same time. So the task will be distributed to the volunteers at different time throughout the week after Christ the King Sunday instead of doing all the task at once at the church at same time.
- Task 1: Sheer curtain and stars, manger, Crown on the altar
- Task 2: Candles- advent candles and candles on the pew
- Task 3: Change the color of the banner
- Task 4: Present box decoration