

# ***The Gifts of Christmas: A Guide for Advent at Bethel***

## **Christmas – The Ultimate Gift**

“...from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.” John 1:16

“...it is by grace you have been saved.” Ephesians 2:5

Today, we celebrate the birth of our saviour, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. We rejoice in his coming, and marvel at this most amazing gift.

**The gift image:** *candles*, reminding us that Jesus is the light of the world.

**Scripture Readings:** John 1:16  
Matthew 1:18-2:12  
Luke 2:1-20  
Isaiah 9: 6-7  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
Your favorite version of the story of Christ’s birth

### **Question for reflection:**

How have the gifts of Christmas helped you to see Jesus this year?

### **Sing or listen to:**

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*Away in a Manger*

*We Three Kings*

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

### **Blessing:**

Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst.

May his incarnation fill your hearts with joy and peace.

**O Lord, give us peace.**

Jesus is the promised Saviour, born of Mary.

May his birth among us renew your hope.

**O Lord, give us hope.**

Jesus is the King of kings, and the Lord of lords.

May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing.

**O Lord, give us joy.**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever. **Amen**

### **Advent Candle: (White)**

Jesus is born! We have been waiting for this day, and we have prepared for this day.

On this Christmas day, let us live as people who let hope, peace, joy, and love reign in our lives. As these candles burn brightly and light our path, let us live as those who have Christ’s light burning in us.

Say together: “*We light this candle symbolizing the birth of Jesus, the light of the world*”