



CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

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You are welcome to use or adapt this for your worship liturgy (with credit).

Feel free to adjust lines for different numbers of speakers.

First Week of Advent

GOD'S PROMISED DAY CAN'T WAIT (HOPE CAN'T WAIT)

Voice A: I will wait for coffee to brew.

Voice B: I will wait for traffic to clear.

Voice A: I will wait for fruit to ripen.

Voice B: I will wait for flowers to grow.

Voice A: I will wait for seasons to change.

Voice B: I will wait for the sun to rise.

Voice A: I will wait for you to say sorry.

Voice B: I will wait for the doctor to call.

Voice A: I will wait for the weekend to arrive.

Voice B: I will wait for my baby's first words.

Voice A: I will wait for Christmas to arrive.

Voice B: I will wait for a lot of things, but I will not wait for hope.

Voice A: I cannot wait for hope, because I want to live with hope—today and every day.

Voice B: I want to roll my sleeves up and get to work—living, serving, giving, and transforming with the hope of a better day.

Voice A: So today we light the candle of hope as a reminder and as a prayer that we might stop waiting and start living, stop watching and start moving.

Voice B: May the light of this candle burn inside us this week—inspiring hope and action for God's promised day. Amen.