



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Advent Wreath Prayer Service

(Light a PURPLE CANDLE - Candle of HOPE)

We light the **Prophet's Candle**, symbol of hope, to remind us of the steadfast faith of those who awaited the Messiah. Their longing for God's promise inspires us to keep hope alive amid the darkness of our world.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3: 1-2– *(Optional)*

Reflect:

The prophets were voices of courage and vision—people who saw beyond despair to the dawn of God's new day. We too are called to be prophetic in our time: to speak truth, to defend the innocent, and to keep hope burning even when others give in to fear or apathy. Do I help others see God's light through my words, my choices, and my actions?

Action Plan:

- Look for goodness in someone you find difficult and share an encouraging word.
- Be fair, truthful, and kind in all your interactions today.
- Carry hope wherever you go—be a sign of light in someone's darkness.

Let us Pray:

Lord Jesus, you are the Hope that renews the world. In the midst of conflict, confusion, and fear, we place our trust in you. As we begin this Advent journey, fill our hearts with joyful expectation. Strengthen our desire to do what is right, that when you come, you may find us ready to welcome you with love and peace. **Amen.**

