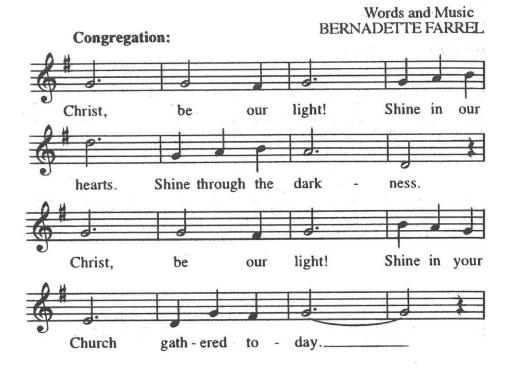
Christ, Be Our Light!

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent



First Sunday of Advent

Hope for Those Who Wait

Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time.

How long, O Lord, how long?

For those waiting for answered prayer:

Grant your steadfast patience.

For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.

For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.

For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.