

Advent Wreath

Each week during advent we will be encouraging every household to participate in the practice of lighting an advent candle in our gathering. Lighting the advent candles in our gathering has been our practice at Southside for many years. I invite you to take this time to create an advent wreath for your home. There are many different ways to create an advent wreath. Please consider using what you already have in your home. Contact me if you need anything I have some spare parts and would be happy to lend them. I will also be buying black card stock if you need any. beth@southside.ca

You will need:

1. **A Base** - Something to put your candles on (tray, plate or platter) This enables your arrangement to be moved if necessary.
2. **5 candles** - All 5 candles can be white however if you would like to follow tradition :1 white for Christ/Light , 3 purple and 1 pink for joy. Purple represents royalty and pink for joy. Or 5 battery flameless candles for little ones!!! Tip: Can't find purple and pink candles glue a strip of ribbon on white candles!
3. **Black paper** - This is new this year!!! We invite you to wrap black card stock or construction paper around the 4 candles surrounding the Christ candle. This will symbolize darkness. Each week we will be literally uncovering a candle and lighting it. As the weeks progress our advent wreaths will gradually fill with more colour and light.
4. **Candle Holders** (not if you are using pillar candles)
5. **Words** (optional) -Love, Hope, Joy, Peace and Light/Christ. I like to label each candle as it is a visual reminder of the meaning of each candle.
6. **Wreath** (optional) Use real ever green bows or an artificial wreath.