

Week 4: Love Candle (Purple)

*Lighting a candle is a simple yet profound act. It is a testimony to the power of light over darkness. As we light this fourth candle of Advent, we continue our journey to Christmas. The fourth candle of Advent is called the **Love** candle; as we anticipate Christmas, let us remember our **loving** savior, how he came once as a baby that the world through him might be saved, and how he will return in glory.*

The words of Zephaniah

[Read **Zephaniah 3:17**]

- The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his **love** he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.

*How do we know that Jesus came in **love** and to demonstrate **love**?*

[Read **John 15:9** and **13** and **Romans 5:8**]

- As the Father has **loved** me, so have I **loved** you. Now remain in my **love**.
- Greater **love** has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
- But God demonstrates his own **love** for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

And what does this mean for the followers of Christ? Jesus told his disciples;

[Read **John 13:34-35**]

- A new command I give you: **Love** one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love** one another.

Scripture reminds us that;

[Read **1 John 4:19**]

- We love because he first **loved** us.

*Jesus Christ is the true reason for hope, peace, joy, and **love** in this season and forever.*

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Source: (And an example video of it being used in 2020)

<https://cornerstonewestford.com/2016/12/22/advent-reading-week-4-love-candle/> *(Note: The family in this video had the wrong candles prelit. There should have been two purples and one pink lit. They also lit the Christ candle early. That center candle will remain unlit till Christmas Eve.)*