

the song of the manger

First Week of Advent
(Candle - Hope)

Song: "Light a Candle" - Avalon

Verse 1

Chorus

Verse 2

Chorus

Vamp on Chorus during Reading and lighting of the candle

Reading:

Voice 1: God is light; in him there is no darkness.

Voice 2: Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Voice 1: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Voice 2: We light this advent candle every year to remind us that this story of the baby born in a stable and lying in a manger isn't just a seasonal story of something that happened 'Once Upon A Time.' We light these candles to remind us that Jesus came so we would have hope. That even when the world seems dark, or tiresome, when we're having a bad day, week, year, or even life. His hope lights our way, gives us purpose. We light the first candle of advent to remind us that the manger held our hope, and still sings of that hope in our lives today.

Song: Pick-up Song at Bridge (And in this special time of year...)

Staging Notes: Reading Voices can be off stage with microphones, or stationed in two different places (Lecturnes, or SR & SL).
Have a separate candle lighter so singer can pick-up song at bridge right after candle lighting.