

ADVENT 1 WE WAIT...WITH HOPE

One: We wait in hope for the Lord;
He is our help and shield.

**ALL: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us
new birth into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

One: Let us hold firmly to the hope we profess,
for our God is faithful.

**ALL: Let us be joyful in hope, patient in troubled
times, and faithful in prayer.**

One: We light the first candle of Advent,
the candle of HOPE. We wait in HOPE.

One: May this candle remind us of Jesus, the One in
Whom we have hope — hope rooted in His first
coming as a child to save the world, hope
restored in His resurrection from the dead,
and hope renewed in His promise to return as
Redeemer and Judge.

[The first candle is lit.] Let us pray:

**ALL: Our hope is in You, Lord! Help us always to be
prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us
to give the reason for hope that we have. In Jesus'
name, we pray. Amen.**

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