**Advent Prayer Service**

**All:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Light the first purple candle on the Advent wreath.

**Prepare, prepare!**

Prepare, prepare!

Get ready, get set!

Prepare, prepare!

And don’t forget!

This is a special time of year,

Christmas is coming.

Advent is here!

Prepare, prepare!

Make ready! Make way!

To hear the story

Of Christmas Day.

Prepare, prepare,

The time has come

Soon we will welcome

Mary’s Son.

**Teacher:** In our winter darkness, our Advent candle lights the way. Advent is the time when we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus. Jesus’ coming at Christmas is the light we are waiting for to bring us out of darkness. As we watch all the preparations that are happening around us, let us ask God to help us to remember what we are really preparing for. **Our response is**: **May your light shine upon us, O Lord.**

**All:** May your light shine upon us, O Lord.

**Teacher:** As we prepare the way of the Lord.

**All:** May your light shine upon us, O Lord.

**Teacher:** As we get ready for Christmas Day

**All:** May your light shine upon us, O Lord.

**Teacher:** As we prepare gifts for others.

**All:** May your light shine upon us, O Lord.

**Teacher:** As we share what we have with others.

**All:** May your light shine upon us, O Lord.

**Teacher:** As we look at the bright lights around us.

**All:** May your light shine upon us, O Lord.

**Teacher:** As we listen to John the Baptist’s message

**All:** May your light shine upon us, O Lord.

**Teacher:** As we remember that Jesus is God’s own son.

**All:** May your light shine upon us, O Lord.

**Teacher:** Loving God,

Help us as we prepare the way for you Son, Jesus.

Help us to listen to the message that you gave

to John the Baptist, and to act on it.

We ask this through Jesus, our friend.

**All:** Amen