





**Advent Year A, B, & C
Imagine No Malaria Worship Resources**

General notes and instructions:

The Advent Candle Lighting litanies use a hymn, "I've Got the Light of God in Me," from Cameroon. You may choose to teach this hymn to the congregation using call and response, or just play the melody through once. "I've Got the Light of God in Me" should be sung with minimal accompaniment at first-- a light flute stop or patch on the keyboard could be used to double the melody. Consider adding a light tambourine tap (or hand clap) on beat three of each measure. The accompaniment can build and the tempo can pick up over the four weeks of Advent by adding guitar, simple drum patterns, or a light shaker. By the fourth week of Advent, see if you can get your congregation dancing! Music and lyrics at the end of this package.

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Week 1: HOPE

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (UMH 196)
Wait for the Lord (W&S 3049)
People Look East (UMH 202)
Star Child (TFWS 2095)
Soon and Very Soon (UMH 706)
O Come O Come Emmanuel (UMH 211)

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Leader: We cry out for God's presence and we are heard.

All: Come, child of hope!

Leader: God arrives through the sick, the poor, and the helpless.

All: Come, child of hope!

Leader: God works through us to bring a better future for those in need.

All: Come, child of hope!

Leader: We live in the promise that on the darkest night, a new light will arrive.

All: Come, child of hope!

Light the first purple candle. Sing I've Got The Light of God in Me, verses 1 and 2.

ALTAR/WORSHIP VISUALS

Clock OR Collection of Clocks OR Set of five items (candles, clocks, plants, boxes) with one covered representing 1 in 5 child succumbing to malaria

Draped with red or brown fabrics to contrast with Advent purples and greens

VIDEO

Rethink Church INM Video [60 seconds]

On DVD (correction: funds raised to date are \$63 Million) <https://inm.box.com/s/6zo5kahg6b1te97idgpg>

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brothers and sisters,

Come, let us worship God

who gives light to see the way.

Come, let us worship God

who gives hope to walk in faith.

Come, let us worship God

who came as a helpless child.

Come, let us worship God!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

In the advent seasons, when the past has fled, unasked, away
and there is nothing left to do but wait,

God, shelter us.

Be our surrounding darkness;

Be the fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time.

In uncertain times, help us to greet the dawn and labor on, love on,

So that every child will have the chance to grow up and bring your hope into our world. Amen.

(Adapted from UIM Book of Worship #254)

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, your vision of peace and wholeness comes to us in sweeping revelations and in tiny signs of hope. Kindle our hearts that we may be a hopeful people. Keep us from growing weary of waiting lest we miss the glory of your appearing. Even so, come quickly, O God. **Amen.** (W&S Worship Resources, page 6)

PRAYER

God of light in the midst of darkness, help us to wake up to the needs of those around us. Open our eyes and our ears to the cries of those who suffer from malaria, and open our hearts and our hands to take part in your work for healing. Bring hope to those who are despairing. Stir up compassion in those who are hard of heart. Awaken a sense of urgency in those who are apathetic. Move us to join you in the work of building your kingdom. In the name of the one whose coming we await this season, Jesus the Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

(Rev. Kerry Greenhill and Rev. Katie Dawson, 2013)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

By Anne Kayser

Visual props: A list rolled up in a scroll with pictures of food, fresh water, medicine and a bed net.

Possible script: Good morning! It's good to see you all here! This is an exciting time of year, isn't it? Something special is coming in about a month... what is it? (Let the kids answer: Christmas!).

That's right! How many of you already have a list of Christmas gifts you hope to get this year? Is it a long list?

(Acknowledge some answers, but don't let anybody start naming or describing all the presents on their wish list right now)!

Has anybody made a list of gifts they want to *give* this Christmas? I bet some of your parents and grandparents have lists like that. I bet a lot of them also have to-do lists that get really long this time of year... Is that true for some of you out there in the congregation?

This is a busy time of year for a lot of people – a time of looking forward to Christmas and getting ready for it. Do any of you know what we in church call this time of looking forward and getting ready? (Give the kids a chance to come up with the word *Advent*, and supply it if they don't). Yes, this is the beginning of Advent, and that's why today in church we have lit the first candle in this special wreath – the candle for hope.

In the season of Advent, many people make lists: lists of things to do, people to remember, and gifts they hope to receive and give. (Hold up and unroll the scroll). Here's a list that a family in Africa might make.

(It would be best to include a list for the scroll that had some simple photos or drawings of food, water, medicine and netting).

Are these the same things on your Christmas wish list? No? Don't you need food and fresh water? You already have those things? That's good. If you didn't have enough food or water, those things would be on your parents' wish list for sure. All parents want their kids to have enough to eat and drink. Sometimes if you get sick you might need some medicine too, right? Some families don't have enough of these important things to be healthy.

There's one more thing on this wish list that many families in Africa need to stay healthy. Can you tell what it is? (point to the netting). How many of you have a bed net on your Christmas wish list? Nobody? Well, that's because in this part of the world, mosquitos that come out and bite people at night don't spread a bad disease called malaria. But in many places in Africa, they do. That's why people there need bed nets. The mosquitos can't get through the nets to bite people when they are sleeping and make them sick.

One of the important things our church is doing during this season of Advent is helping families in Africa to get what they need to protect themselves from bad diseases like malaria. We're collecting money to give to people who work in Africa to provide the things on this gift list (point to the scroll) – fresh water, medicine and bed nets -- to people who need them. You can help with that by making an offering in your Sunday school class to Imagine No Malaria. That's the project that helps prevent and treat a disease that hurts many people in Africa, especially children.

You might wonder why we should give money to help people we don't know. Why not just spend it all on ourselves and own families this Christmas? Well, whose birthday do we celebrate at Christmas? (Let kids answer "Jesus!"). Yes, we remember when Jesus came into the world and changed it for the better. Jesus cared about, helped and healed all sorts of people, not just his own family. He taught us to do the same. So one good way to honor Jesus on his birthday this Christmas is to care about, help and heal people who need some of the things on this wish list. When we do that, we give families hope that their children can grow up healthy.



Week 2: PEACE

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Star Child (TFWS 2095)

Still, Still, Still (W&S 3066)

A Star Shone Bright (W&S 3051)

Once in Royal David's City (UMH 250)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (UMH 206)

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Leader: In this busy season of gifts and gatherings, we need breathing room.

All: Come, child of peace!

Leader: All parents need peace of mind about their children's futures.

All: Come, child of peace!

Leader: God offers compassion to a world afflicted by fear and doubt.

All: Come, child of peace!

Leader: We respond to God's compassion with loving kindness towards each other.

All: Come, child of peace!

Light two purple candles. Sing I've Got The Light of God in Me, verses 1 and 4.

ALTAR/WORSHIP VISUALS

Netting from tulle – any color - draped over altar, chancel, rail, etc

Cut 1 by 4 inch strips of tulle and distribute in worship bulletins – take home as reminder of how easy it is to save a life.

VIDEO

Malaria is my Name (with captions)[60 seconds] - on dvd without captions

<https://inm.box.com/s/htheku2xrqakjlnhxdg>

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the prophet's cry and the still, small voice,

Teach us to tune in to our hearts' longing for peace.

Show us where we need to repent, to turn in a new direction,

So that our lives may reflect your dreams of a new order.

Let us not be discouraged by those who say the world will never change,

But strengthen our spirits to persevere in the face of challenge.

Confirm in us the will to embody the calling that we have heard.

In the name of our Savior, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

(adapted from Rev. Kerry Greenhill and Rev. Katie Dawson, 2013)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us hear what God the Lord will speak:

Peace to the children who turn to God in their hearts.

Salvation is at hand for those who know the Lord,

Because God's glory is coming to dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

(adapted from Psalm 85)

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come this morning to worship.

P: We come worried and anxious.

L: The LORD declares: I know the plans I have in mind for you, plans for peace, and a future filled with hope.

P: We come bearing the weight of a troubled world.

L: God lifts our burdens and helps us to lift the burdens of others.

P: We come searching for peace.

L: The LORD says I am with you always.

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OPENING PRAYER

God of glory,

Your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem into the darkness of human night.

Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world.

So that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice,

Messengers of your peace,

And defenders of all for whom there is no room. **Amen.**

(Adapted from W&S Worship Resources, page 8)

Prayer for Ubuntu at Christmastime

Loving God, we pray for a world of Ubuntu this Christmas. Ubuntu is the South African philosophy of a universal bond of sharing which connects all humanity. A world of Ubuntu strives together for the exuberant laughter of a healthy toddler, free from the clutches of disease and poverty. Together we gather around the glow of the Word made flesh lying in a manger. None of us can build this just and healthy world alone. This is the spirit of Ubuntu: "I am because we are." We honor you, O God, along with our sisters and brothers all over this world, as we work towards the Kin-dom of God.

Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

LITANY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invites everyone to his feast—

those who feel lonely in this season of gatherings,
those who feel worn out by frantic activity and bad weather,
those who suffer from disease and poverty,
those who need your hope,
those who need your peace,
the old and the young,
adults and children.

We meet at Christ's table.

We dare not come to this table

trusting in our own goodness or virtue.

We come knowing we need forgiveness

and trusting God to grant it.

We come because we are hungry for meaning and need to be fed.

God, forgive and feed us.

When Jesus broke the bread he was inviting us

to share his hope, peace, joy, and love with the world.

When Jesus took the cup he was inviting us

to partake in God's new covenant.

Bread and wine become symbols of

hope, peace, joy, and love for the world.

God spoke in the beginning;

out of darkness came night and day,

out of emptiness came creation,

out of loneliness came humankind.

And God said, "This is very good."

♪ Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

God spoke when the world was troubled;

giving voice to prophets from the earliest days,

moving through Mary as she gave birth to her child,

crying as a vulnerable baby lying in a manger.

Still God said, "This is very good."

♪ Let earth receive her king;

God speaks today;

breathing energy into our weary lives,

challenging our celebrations and sharing our pain,

speaking to us through the least of these,

dancing with songs of justice and peace.

Now we know that, "This is very good."

♪ Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

By Anne Kayser

Visual prop: A photo (could be on a tablet) of an African family resting under a bed net

Script: Peace be with you! You think that's an unusual way to greet people? Well, guess who greeted his friends that way? Jesus! That's who! Jesus told his followers, "My peace I give to you." He also told them, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Jesus knew peace is important, and that's one reason we light a candle for peace during this season of Advent. This is a season for thinking about Jesus and the things that he said were important.

So what makes you feel peaceful? (Listen to the children's answers, and maybe offer some examples like reading a good story with your mom or dad by the fireplace, seeing Christmas tree lights glow and reflect off ornaments, snuggling down into warm covers at bedtime...)



Here's a picture of a family in Africa who look like they feel peaceful. What do you think? (Show the picture). Do they look relaxed and at peace in this photo? Yeah, you think they're sleeping? What's that white thing hanging around their bed? (See if any of the kids can guess that it's a bed net). Why do you think they are under a bed net? (Let a few kids guess or try to explain).

Bed nets keep out mosquitos. In Africa, there's a type of mosquito that carries a really bad disease called malaria. That mosquito only comes out and bites people at night, so to protect themselves, many people who live where this mosquito lives sleep under bed nets. The nets help them stay safe and healthy. And that makes them feel at peace when they lie down to sleep.

But some people in Africa who need bed nets don't have them yet. Some people have them but don't know exactly how to use them to keep themselves and their children safe from mosquitos. And some people have already been bitten and have caught malaria, so they're really sick. They need special medicine to get well.

So the United Methodist Church is helping these people in Africa get the bed nets they need. We're teaching people how to use the nets to protect themselves and their kids. And we're providing medicine so that people who are already sick can get well.

I think these are the kinds of things Jesus would do. We know from the Bible that Jesus cared about all sorts of people, and he healed many of them who were sick. He taught his followers to care for others and heal them whenever they could. We can help care for and heal people fighting malaria in Africa by giving money to the project called Imagine No Malaria. When we do that, we help bring them peace, like this family has, because they know they are safe from the mosquitos.

This Advent season as we think about what gifts we'd like to give our loved ones, I hope we'll also think about what gifts we can give to help people with the greatest needs. I think that's what Jesus would want us to do. I think he would want us to be peacemakers, and giving to Imagine No Malaria is one way to do that.



Week 3: JOY

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hakuna Wakaita (W&S 3036)

Star Child (TFWS 2095)

Joy to the World (UMH 246)

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy (TFWS 2098)

Siyahamba (TFWS 2235)

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Leader: Do not be anxious about anything. Instead, lift up your hearts to God.

All: Come, child of joy!

Leader: When Christ arrives, grief and groaning will flee away.

All: Come, child of joy!

Leader: God takes pleasure in shaping our world, holding nothing back.

All: Come, child of joy!

Leader: Let us give joyfully, because our God is so good.

All: Come, child of joy!

Light the three purple candles. Sing I've Got The Light of God in Me, verses 1 and 3.

ALTAR/WORSHIP VISUALS

Assortment of decorated gift boxes with the following items that can be used for “alternative giving” placed on top (or processed in and placed on boxes) – glass balls with netting inside, balls with green bracelets around them, bracelets, tulle angels, pipe cleaner mosquitos, alternative gift card samples. All may be small or large samples can be created – goal is to depict things members can use for alternative gifts.

Or, place a set of items on a tree or display form so that the whole congregation touches one of the items and helps to build the visual.

VIDEO

Malaria during Pregnancy - Jennifer's Story

[3:45 min] not on dvd

<https://inm.box.com/s/8fa6lr4e3fi96nnoshmy>

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in preparation

For good news is about to be proclaimed.

We gather in expectation

For joy is about to break forth in our midst.

We gather in celebration

For we are those people who have said

Yes to the manger

Yes to the one incarnate for others,

Yes to the wholeness of God.

In preparation and expectation, let us celebrate!

(W&S Worship Resources, page 7)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let's kick up our heels, because God is coming!

Our hearts overflow with joy.

God's not stingy with salvation.

God's so generous that we have to dance!

We give everything we have to God without hesitation, because
we know there's more grace where that came from.

We delight in our God!

(Julia Frisbie, 2014)

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of mystery, God of revelation, God of joyful sound,

Our hearts are glad as we worship you.

We're filled with wonder at the foot of a manger bed,

singing in the Spirit so that our joy may be received as true worship. Amen.

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PRAYER

God of justice and joy, hope and healing, we give thanks for all the ways you work for wholeness and right relationship in our own lives and throughout the world. When suffering arises, let our hearts find joy in you. Fill us with courage to bear witness to what we have seen and heard. May our lives always testify to the good news of your love, and may we lift up those who are bowed down so that your joy may spread throughout the earth. We pray in the name of Jesus, who opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed good news to the poor. Amen.

(Rev. Kerry Greenhill and Rev. Katie Dawson, 2013)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Eternal God, through our gifts we seek to be faithful agents of change. We pray that your Holy Spirit will prompt us to give cheerfully and generously to the end that lives will be saved. **Amen.**

(Rev. Kerry Greenhill and Rev. Katie Dawson, 2013)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

By Anne Kayser

Visual prop: Bed net in gift bag or box that's easy to unwrap

Script: Good morning! Can any one tell what today's Advent candle represents? (Let kids answer). Joy! That's right. I hope Christmas is a time of joy for you!

What brings you joy at Christmas? (Let kids call out some things. If they're having trouble naming many things, consider mentioning music, time with family, special treats to eat...)

How about presents? (Hold up the gift bag or box). What do you think is in this bag/box? Are you curious? It isn't Christmas yet, but this morning it's okay to open this present early. Let's find out what's inside! (Unwrap it, allowing kids to help if you wish).

What is it? (Let them guess. You can make some "guesses" too: Is it lace for a wedding dress or some other kind of clothing? Is it a hammock? Is it a fishing net?)

This gift has been used for all those things and more, but it was designed to be a bed net to keep mosquitos from biting people. If you lived below the equator in Africa, you might really want one of these bed nets for Christmas if you knew that it could keep you safe from a deadly disease called malaria.

United Methodists in this church and many other churches around the world are helping to send bed nets to people in Africa who need them. We are also sending community health workers to the villages where people most often get really sick from malaria. The health workers explain what these nets are and how to use them. They also help people know how to tell if they have malaria or some other illness, and they help them get healing treatments. Those are pretty good Christmas gifts, don't you think so?

These gifts remind me some of the very first Christmas gift ever given. Do you know what it was? (Let them guess). It was Jesus! The Bible says that God loved the world so much that God sent Jesus – God's very own son – so whoever believes in him may have eternal life. Like you and me, Jesus was born as a little baby. That's what we celebrate at Christmas: Jesus' birth. He grew up to be the greatest teacher, most powerful healer, most wonderful counselor and best role model the world has ever known.

So how is this gift (hold up the net), a bed net, anything like Jesus? Well, Jesus came to save people and give them full life. When a net like this is used correctly, it can save lives and help people live healthy, full lives. Jesus came to teach us how to live. Community health workers come to villages and teach people too... they teach them how to hang up these bed nets so mosquitos can't bite them or their children...and they teach them how to get help if somebody in their family is sick. Jesus healed people. Through Imagine No Malaria, we United Methodists have helped to heal many, many people.

I think giving some of our money for the Imagine No Malaria project is a kind of giving that brings God joy. It's the kind of giving God modeled for us through Jesus. And when we give this way, knowing that our gifts will really save lives, we can share in God's joy.



Week 4: LOVE

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Star Child (TFWS 2095)

Love Has Come (W&S 3059)

Love Came Down at Christmas (UMH 242)

Niño Lindo (UMH 222)

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (UMH 216)

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Leader: For God so loved the world that God sent God's only son.

All: Come, child of love!

Leader: Our creator's love transcends every boundary.

All: Come, child of love!

Leader: How can we respond with anything other than love?

All: Come, child of love!

Leader: We reach out with tenderness to brothers and sisters all over the world.

All: Come, child of love!

Light the three purple candles and the one pink candle. Sing I've Got The Light of God in Me, verses 1 and 5.

ALTAR/WORSHIP VISUALS

Processional of symbols of the four INM strategies – Prevention, Education, Communciation, Treatment. Could include tulle/netting, cell phones, medical supplies [bottles, IV materials, clean water, blankets, etc] and educational supplies such as posters about mosquitos and their life cycle.

Video

Bringing It Back Sierra Leone [2 min]

Not available on DVD <https://inm.box.com/s/niiry2tbjnleewzc9qa9>

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O God, grant us the gift of faith in the face of what seems impossible.

P: Like Mary may we say “I am the Lord’s servant. Let it be with me just as you have said.”

L: You spoke to Joseph in a dream.

P: Speak to us in our dreams and make your will known.

L: Help us love each other,

P: With love crosses boundaries of culture and tradition.

L: Open are hearts to your still small voice

P: Help us imagine a new world with you. Amen.

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SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP (to the tune of UMH #184)

One: Of the Father’s love begotten,

And the virgin, full of grace,

Comes a baby in a manger:

Christ, the Savior of our race.

Choir: And the babe, the world’s Redeemer,

Will reveal His sacred face, evermore and evermore!

All: O ye heights of heaven adore Him,

Angel hosts His praises sing,

Every boundary fall before Him,

Who is born the servant King!

(Choir members sing last stanza as a round or in harmony while congregation continues)

All: Let no tongue on Earth be silent,

Every voice in concert ring,

Evermore and evermore!

(Julia Frisbie, 2014)

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you so loved the world that you gave your only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life. Grant to us the precious gift of faith so that we will love the Son of God with all our hearts, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength. Give us courage to turn that love outwards to neighbors far and near, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(adapted from UM Book of Worship #252)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

God who goes before us and guides us,

God who works within us and through us,

God who is always with us,

We give thanks for all the ways your love in made known in our lives and through Imagine No Malaria.

May we, too, be part of the ministry of presence for those who are hurting,

and may our eyes be open to see you in our midst this week.

In the name of Emmanuel, God with us, we pray. **Amen.**

(adapted from Rev. Kerry Greenhill and Rev. Katie Dawson, 2013)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider, we dare to imagine a world with no malaria. Through our gifts today, we join our brothers and sisters in Africa in the fight against this preventable disease. Through this simple act of giving, we connect to our larger human family. Help us respond to your love with love for others. When we share God-given resources, we are positioned to be agents of healing. Our prayer is that the world will know that ordinary people are often the instruments of healing that God uses.
Amen.

(Adapted Rev. Kerry Greenhill and Rev. Katie Dawson, 2013)



Week 5: IMAGINE

(Christmas Eve and/or Epiphany Sunday)

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Rise Up Shepherd And Follow (TFWS 2096)

Star Child (TFWS 2095)

Go, Tell It On the Mountain (UMH 251)

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Leader: Christ came into the world a helpless babe, needing care and protection.

All: Welcome, Christ child!

Leader: His parents were blessed by the generous gifts of foreigners, and found a safe haven among those in a different land.

All: Welcome, Christ child!

Leader: The boy grew in stature and wisdom, beloved by God and people.

All: Welcome, Christ child!

Leader: His life gave light to everyone. The light keeps shining in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

All: Welcome, Christ child!

ALTAR/WORSHIP VISUALS

Large net display, covering a bed or pictures of people being treated/cared for, could include other treatment resources display again.

Or, tree/display where alternative giving items or symbols could be reported or displayed visually.

Video

Recommended: IMAGINE

Alternate videos

Thanks to You [2 min] not on dvd

<https://inm.box.com/s/7d88p977rajffxorb2ez>

Sierra Leone Church Growth [3.45 min] not on dvd

<https://inm.box.com/s/qrzt9ah96zpijfsjrzx>

Admiral Tim Zimmer (3 min) on dvd [affirmation of UMC by US Admiral]

<https://inm.box.com/s/h7ubhp58jfwkilt5f6>

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not be afraid;

For see-- I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all people.

**Today in the city of David a Savior is born, our Messiah and Lord,
So that everyone on earth will be reconciled with God.**

(adapted from UM Book of Worship #271)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have waited and watched with hope.

We have searched and found a babe.

We must follow.

We will be challenged to believe.

We see Christ in the faces of infants all around the world.

We are called to imagine a better future for children everywhere.

God is among us at last,

for Christ our savior is born!

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PRAYER

God of subversive and life-changing good news, we give thanks for Jesus and all that he means to us. Thank you for choosing to work through the outcast and vulnerable, and for showing up as a shining star in the midst of long, dark nights. Open our hearts to the Christ child once more, that he might be born anew in us, bringing your hope, peace, joy, and love. Give us the courage to imagine and create with you a world that reflects your dreams and purposes for all creation. In the name of our Savior, our Wonderful Counselor, Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

(Rev. Kerry Greenhill and Rev. Katie Dawson, 2013)

PREPARATION FOR THE OFFERING

Throughout Advent, we have prepared for the coming of the Christ child among us by turning our thoughts and prayers to the work of Imagine No Malaria, the United Methodist effort to end preventable deaths. You can support this work through tonight's offering. \$5 provides a lifesaving course of medication, and \$10 protects a whole family with a bed net. In response to Christ's saving grace, how many lives will you save tonight?

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

At the end of the offering, start a drumbeat. Then, have the ushers come forward with the song leaders (soloist, small choir, or children's choir) to form a procession. If your church has liturgical dancers, let them lead the way down the center aisle! Let the percussion and accompaniment build throughout the presentation. The words are sung to the popular tune of The Little Drummer Boy.

Leader(s): Come they told me (Pa rum pum pum pum)

All: A new born King to see (Pa rum pum pum pum)

Leader(s): Our finest gifts we bring (Pa rum pum pum pum)

**All: To lay before the King (Pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, run pum pum pum),**

So to honor Him (Pa rum pum pum pum)

All: When we come.

Pastor (praying aloud as drums continue): Lord, bless these gifts that we bring before you tonight. Help them bring hope to families who are affected by malaria. Give an expectant mother peace, and give her children joy. In response to your reckless and self-sacrificial love, help us learn to love one another. Enter our world tonight through a child whose life is spared. Amen.

Leader(s): Baby Jesus (Pa rum pum pum pum)

All: No gift can match your grace (Pa rum pum pum pum)

Leader(s): We give so children live (Pa rum pum pum pum)

**All: That's how we see your face (Pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum),**

Leader(s): Please, accept our gifts (Pa rum pum pum pum)

All: When we come.

BENEDICTION

The light that enlivens all the world,

The light that darkness cannot overcome,

Love's pure light in Jesus Christ,

Sine on you and in our world this night. **Amen.**

(W&S Worship Resources, page 8)

I'VE GOT THE LIGHT OF GOD IN ME

C F C G C

1. I've got the light of God in me, I've got the

F C Am Dm⁷ G C⁷

light of God in me, I've got the

F C C/G E⁷ Am F Fm

Spir - it of the Son of God, I've got the

C/G G⁷ C

light of God in me

2. I've got the hope of God in me
3. I've got the joy of God in me
4. I've got the peace of God in me
5. I've got the love of God in me