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Today we light this candle to remind us of the shepherd’s amazement, trust, and praise for the goodness of God.

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#### Prayer

Loving God,  
give us the trusting amazement  
of the shepherds.  
Help us to live our joy and delight  
in all you have done  
and have given us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.



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