

**“The Carols Speak”:
A Sermon Series for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany**

If you light Advent candles, the sermon can be based on the theme for that day:

The Carols speak of Hope

“The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight”

The Carols speak of Love

“Reinstate us in Thy love”

The Carols Speak of Peace

“Peace on earth and mercy mild”

“Hail the Heav’nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness”

“Sleep in heavenly peace

The Carols Speak of Joy

“Joy to the World”

On Christmas and after, several other themes can be used:

The Carols Speak of Reconciliation

“Peace on earth and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled”

The Carols Speak of Truth

The Carols Speak of a Perfect Light

“We Three Kings” “Guide us to thy perfect light”

The Carols Speak of Suffering

“Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom”

The Carols Speak of Resurrection

“We Three Kings” verse 5

The Carols Speak of Mercy

“Peace on earth and mercy mild”

The Carols Speak of Incarnation

“Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th’incarnate Deity!”

The Carols Speak of Righteousness

The Carols Speak of Healing

“Hail the Heav’nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness”

The Carols Speak of Healing

“Ris’n with healing in His wings”

The Carols Speak of Eternity

“Born that man no more may die”

Although I use words of the carol as a “proof text,” I show how they are faithful to scripture.

Other suggestions: Galatians 5:22-23: The Fruit of the Spirit. Look at some of the more unfamiliar carols (e.g., Oxford Carols) or some of the newer carols in NCH. Several books also have a history of the writing of the carols that make good illustrations