

Lisbon United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Candle Lighting 2022

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Reader One: Hope, peace, joy, and love. Four candles, four promises continually offered to us by God, and all of them manifest in this one we light tonight: the Christ candle. In Christ we find the hope of transformation, the peace that follows justice, the joy of self-fulfillment in community, and the love that encompasses us in all our diversity, empowering us to make our own unique contribution to this world on our journeys of faith.

(All candles are lit.)

Reader Two: Let us pray.... We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives, and in God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth— born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult ministry, in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God; his voice undimmed by the centuries his call and his promise as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago. Come to us, Lord Jesus, be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

Reader One or Two:

Please sing Verse Five of *The Advent Song* # 2090 in TFWS