

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
December 31, 2023 The Season of Christmas

PRELUDE AND TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

*A Time of Praise*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Glory to God for the gift of a Son.*

**PEOPLE: Glory to God for Jesus.**

*Leader: Glory to God for sending a Son.*

**PEOPLE: Glory to God for Jesus: Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!**

*Leader: Glory to God for the gift of a Son.*

**PEOPLE: Glory to God for Jesus.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* # 238

OPENING PRAYER Loving God, we gather to worship you this morning still in breathless wonder and awe as we continue to remember the birth of Jesus. As we come to give you thanks to the gift of your Son, open our hearts to your love. Open our eyes to the light of your Son. Open our hands to the work of your Holy Spirit, in this Christmas season and in the new year ahead. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 148 # 861

*Act of Confession and Pardon*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION # 890

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Hearing God's Word*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1.46-55 (pg. 57)

SINGING THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS

*White Christmas* (words on insert)

*What Child is This*

# 219

*The Christmas Song* (words on insert)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2.1-7 (pg.58)

SINGING THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS

*Silver Bells* (words on insert)

*Silent Night*

# 239

*Deck the Halls* (words on insert)

GOSPEL READING Luke 2.8-20 (pg. 58)

A COVENANT PRAYER for the NEW YEAR # 607

SINGING THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS

*God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen* (words on insert)

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

# 218

*Let it Snow* (words on insert)

## *Responding To God's Word*

## A TIME OF PRAYER

## Sharing our Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer

## A Christmas Prayer (insert)

The Lord's Prayer # 895

## Choral Prayer Response

## RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

## Offertory

# 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN *Go, Tell it On the Mountain* # 251

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORDS OF BENEDICTION

*Leader: Go in peace, for we have seen the salvation of our God in God's only Son, Jesus.*

PEOPLE: We go with joy into the new year ahead, for Christ's love and peace go with us.

SUNG BENEDICTION *Joy to the World* (vs. one) # 246

\*POSTLUDE

### Today's Worship Leaders

Verne Smith, Video Production Manager  
Debbie Greim, Organist and Choir Director  
Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor



# The Season of Christmas

Lisbon United Methodist Church  
welcomes, nurtures, and serves  
all people  
with the love of Christ.