

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
November 30, 2025 The First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING and A TIME FOR CHILDREN

A Time of Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.

PEOPLE: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.

PEOPLE: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God's here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.

PEOPLE: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.

PEOPLE: Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

*OPENING HYMN *Hail To the Lord's Anointed* # 203

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

UNISON PRAYER In the hushed anticipation of your coming, Holy One, kindle in us the desire to watch and wait and make ready our lives for that time when your Son Jesus Christ comes

among us with great might to usher in your Kingdom. May our worship as this holy season begins praise and glorify you. Come, among us, Lord Jesus, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 122 (response one) # 845

Act of Confession and Pardon

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Holy One, You call us to wake from sleep, to become aware of our surroundings. The dawn of a new time of preparation is upon us. Forgive us when sleepiness takes its toll, when our discussions become battles, when our judgment and self-judgment outweigh our faith. Let us put on the light of Christ and live as you have called us in respect, in mutual dialogue, and in healthy living. Help us so that everything we do reflects Christ's light in this holy season. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God's mercy and steadfast love endure, strengthening our hearts and overcoming our fears.

PEOPLE: May we accept God's forgiveness in the name of the Savior whom we await. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2.1-5 (pg. 631)

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Maine Christmas Song*

EPISTLE READING Romans 13.11-14 (pg. 162)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 24.36-44 (pg. 27)

SERMON *All Earth is Waiting: The Source of Hope*

*HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* # 213

Responding To God's Word

A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer

An Advent Prayer (insert)

The Lord's Prayer # 895

Prayer Response *The First Song of Isaiah* # 2030

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory and *Doxology # 95

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* # 196

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WORDS OF BENEDICTION

*Leader: Advent people, go from this place in the blessing of
God who journeys with us.*

**PEOPLE: May God guide our path as we wait, watch, and
work for the day when God's kingdom comes on earth as
it is in heaven. Amen.**

*SUNG BENEDICTION *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (vs. 1) # 211

*POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders

Trudy Duval, Lay Reader
Verne Smith, Video Production Manager
Debbie Greim, Organist and Music Director
Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor



The First Sunday of Advent

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