

Lisbon United Methodist Church
Advent Candle Lighting 2025

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December 21, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reader One: One thing we have learned on our Advent journey is that it is better not to go alone. We live in a do-it-yourself culture that celebrates the individual. But faith is not something that we can do on our own. We need companions on the journey; we need others to support us and strengthen us and encourage us. We put our journey in the hands of many people around us; and although it is a risk, we are better for it. We learn to trust that someone has our back, as we make this journey of faith.

Reader Two: Matthew reminds us that when God chose to come to earth the first time, God chose to trust in people whom God deeply loved to help make it happen. God trusted in Mary, and God trusted in Joseph. In turn, we love and trust in God to be faithful to the promise and to sustain us through many others as we continue our journey of faith.

Reader One: We light the candles of peace, hope, joy, and love, as our circle is complete.

Reader Two: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace, hope, joy, and love.

(Light all four candles on the wreath.)

(The choir will share a song for us as you light the candles)