Prayer of Dedication:
All: God who calls us to prepare the way, receive these gifts and use them to make your peace known in our community. Let them help clear away barriers of hunger, loneliness, and hardship. Teach us to offer not only our tithe, but also our time, our compassion, and our willingness to change. May our lives point toward the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

We Go Out to Love and Serve

**Closing Hymn: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates #213 UMH*

Announcements

Responsive Benediction:
L: Go now with open eyes and hearts awake, ready to serve God and neighbor.
P: We will carry the hope of Christ into the world.
L: May the blessing of the Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit be with you, now and always.
P: We go in peace to watch and serve. Amen.
**Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Monica McCusker
Video Production: Dean Logan and Greg Shaw
Organist and Choir Director: Debbie Greim
Pastor Jen Reed

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Today's Liturgy and hymn selections:
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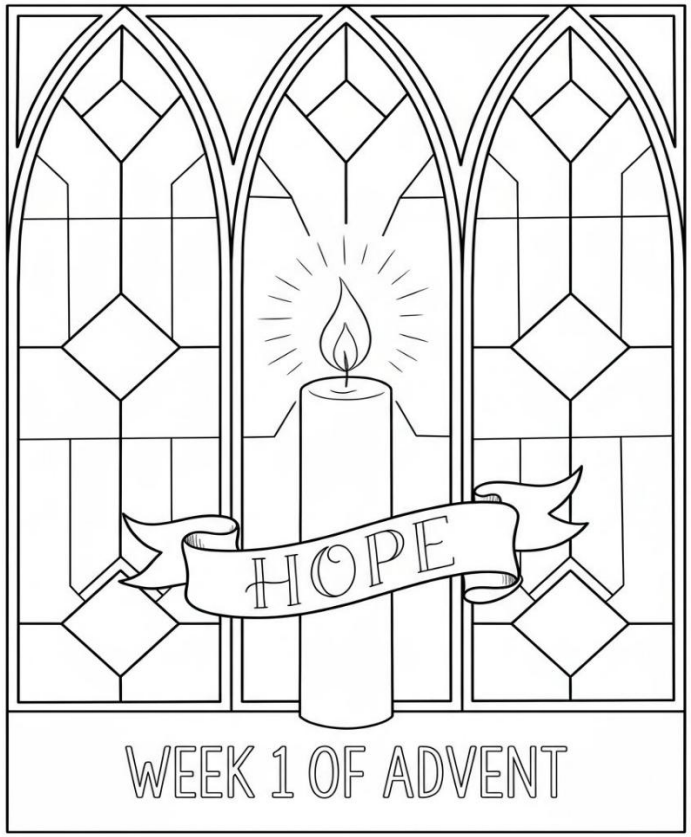
Boldly Caring for our Community Grounded in God's Love



"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great Light."
-Isaiah 9:2

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 29, 2026

The First Sunday of Advent

*Welcome! We are delighted to have you worship with us and pray that God richly blesses you this day. The ** sign indicates that those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand. All are invited to join in speaking where the bolded words appear.*

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude, Lighting of the Candles, Time of Quiet Reflection
Welcome

Call to Worship[2]
L: In seasons of waiting and moments of transition, we lift our eyes.
P: We look for the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
L: When the foundations shake, and the future feels uncertain, the Master calls us to stand firm.
P: We will keep watch; we will stay alert.
L: We gather in hope, trusting that God is preparing a place for all of us.
P: Come, let us worship the Lord of the house!

**Opening Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 1-2) #211 UMH*

Advent Candle Lighting (See Bulletin Insert) Peggy and Omari

Opening Prayer: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires known, anchor us in your unchanging love. Keep this household of faith watchful and ready, our lamps burning and our hearts expectant, as we await the coming of Christ and the breaking in of your Kin-dom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We Meet the Word Proclaimed

Ministry of Music

OT Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (The Message)
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 CEB
Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:24-37 CEB

Response to the Word
L: The Word of God, for us the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn of Preparation*: People Look East #202 UMH*

Children's Message

Message: *Keeping the Lights On*

We Respond with Prayer and Thanksgiving

Prayer Hymn: *O Lord, Hear Our Prayers #2200 TFWS*
O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. When we call, answer us. O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and listen to us.

Sharing our Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People
After each prayer request, please join in the response:
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.
After each joy, please join in the response: **Alleluia**
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Lords Prayer
Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Response: *O Lord, Hear Our Prayers #2200 TFWS*

Offering Our Gifts to God
**Song of Thanksgiving:
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow # 95 UMH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.