



First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

9:30 am

“God is coming! God is coming!
All the element we swim in,
this existence, echoes ahead the advent.
God is coming! Can’t you feel it?”
Walter Wangerin, Jr., author

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Pastor Donna Herzfeldt-Kamprath

Accompanist: Brooke Benfield

Worship: Gloria Kelsay, Brenna Meyer, Jay Rector, Kim Stoffregen

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Let us be in the spirit of worship together.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! For the safety of our community, we ask that you sign in. Our worship service is broadcast live on Zoom and Facebook. We are now serving communion at the altar. If you wish to continue taking it at your seat, pick a kit up in the narthex or see an usher.

*** = Please stand as you are able.**

*GETHSEMANE VISION & MISSION

We are forgiven and called by God to proclaim the Good News of Christ. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our mission is to serve both the physical and spiritual needs of all people in our changing society. We welcome all races, abilities, genders, and sexual orientations.

*ADVENT LITANY

God of hope, who brought love into this world,

Be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world,

Be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world,

Be the joy that dwells between us.

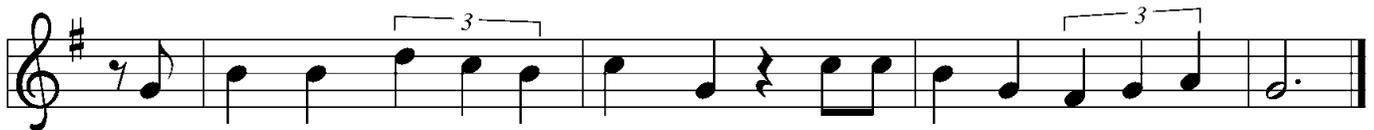
God of hope, the one who accompanies us on the journey of life,

Be with us and guide us with your power for renewal and justice always, and particularly during this Advent time. Amen.

*ADVENT HYMN, *He Came Down*, ELW 253 (verse 1 only)



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING PRAYER

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.
Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.
We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.
Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN, *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*, ELW 254



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

***GREETING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God,
who comes to wake us from sleep,
who leads us into the light of grace.

Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Welcome families! We're so glad you are here!

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
²**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
³Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;
⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD. R**
⁵For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.
⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**
“May they prosper who love you.
⁷Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**
⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.” **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

A reading from Romans.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY, *O God of Mercy, God of Light*, ELW 714**



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.
Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

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***NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care especially those we hold now in our hearts and on our lips. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Share a sign of peace with a wave or a fist bump.

OFFERING

Please be seated for a quiet moment of reflection.

Thank you for your generous gifts to sustain the mission and ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. You may place your offering in the offering plate by the baptismal font, give online at www.glcportland.org/give or with Venmo.

*OFFERTORY HYMN: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*, ELW 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

you make the desert bloom

and send springs of water to thirsty ground.

Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,

**and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.**

We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

All are welcome to celebrate communion as part of our worship this morning! If you are joining us via livestream, any bread and wine, water or juice may be used. Please hold up the bread and the cup as Pastor Donna says the Words of Institution:

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who 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 and ever.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come to save you.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN, *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*, ELW 282



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876

Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

COMMUNION HYMN, *Wait For the Lord*, ELW 262

The image shows a musical score for a communion hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." and "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!". The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Taizé Community

Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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*COMMUNION BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the gifts of his body and blood
strengthen, keep and unite us,
now and forever.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray,

Faithful God,

**in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.**

**As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.**

**Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

SENDING

***COMMUNITY COVENANT**

In recognition of God's greatest commandment, we will love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and love our neighbor as ourselves. In that same spirit, we make this covenant:

- **We will welcome all people with our hearts, actions, and words.**
- **We will talk *with* each other, not *at* each other.**
- **We will listen to each other, not for fault but for understanding.**
- **We will express our concerns and issues directly with those involved, rather than with others.**
- **We will support our pastor and staff and honor their efforts among us.**
- **We will seek to discover what is best for our Church as a whole, not what may be best for us individually or as a small group.**
- **We will pray with each other and for each other.**

***BLESSING**

God the eternal Word,

who dwells with us in Jesus,

and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN, *Soon and Very Soon*, ELW 439**



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please leave the sanctuary quietly so that those who wish may remain to listen without interruption. Thank you!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome Pastor Donna Herzfeldt-Kamprath and her husband Pastor Tim Herzfeldt-Kamprath!** She will be joining us as a bridge pastor for the next couple of months. If you'd like to arrange a visit or meeting, she has limited office hours but can be reached at pastor@glcportland.org or at 971-770-2610. You can also leave a message for her at the office at 503-256-1835 ext. 102 (checked on Wed and Sun only).
- **The Dickens Carolers** will be performing a holiday concert here at GLC **THIS Sunday, November 27 at 1:30 pm**. Please stay for a coffee and cookie reception afterward!
- **Worship with us on Zoom** at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81476436505>. To join by phone, call (253) 215 8782 and enter Meeting ID: 814 7643 6505.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gethsemaneportland>.
- **We need Worship Assistants!!** If you have been considering volunteering to serve as a Worship Assistant but were unsure what exactly it would entail or just want more information, Worship has assigned one contact person for each role



to make it easier to know exactly who to talk to. Support and mentoring are available. Contact these people for more information:

- **Altar Guild** - Kim Stoffregen
- **Cantor** - Jay Rector
- **Communion Assistant** - Gloria Kelsay
- **Reader** - Brenna Meyer
- **Usher** - Laura Britzius

- Gethsemane: we are establishing policies regarding visitors on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. We ask that you all refrain from handing anyone cash on Sunday mornings. We have begun to seed an **“Open Hearts” fund for assisting families and individuals** who may come to the church to ask for assistance. If you’d like to hear more about the evolution of this fund and/or you would like to give to this fund, please contact a council member, a staff member, or a Leaven Land volunteer.
- Join us for **Bible Study! Tuesdays at 10:00 am** on Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83076176257> Meeting ID: 830 7617 6257, and in the conference room. We are currently studying the book, *How to Fight Racism*, by Jemal Tisby.
- The **GLC Quilters are looking for helpers** on Thursday mornings to help with quilting. You do not need to know how to sew or quilt. If you would like to have companionship, we would love to have you join us on Thursday mornings from 9-12. If you prefer to work from home, we have kits available that you can pick up. If you have questions, please call Karen Reagan at 503-257-7410.

Worship Assistants for November

To sign up, go to <https://signup.com/go/bDYAHDh>

Date	Cantor	Reader	Usher/s	Communion Assistant	Altar Guild
Nov. 27	Lyle Johnson	Bob Larson	Mary Karter	Gloria Kelsay	Gloria Kelsay



READER

Advent 1

- Today is the **first Sunday** in Advent.
- There are **four** Sundays in Advent before we celebrate **Christmas**.
- One **symbol** for Advent is a candle called a luminary.
- A luminary is something that gives off **light**.



Advent Code

Why is light a symbol during Advent?

Crack this code to find out!

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L=12 O=15 R=18 S=19 T=20 U=21 W=23

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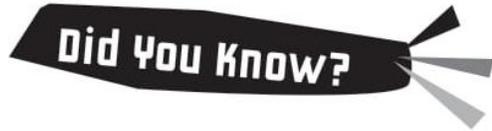
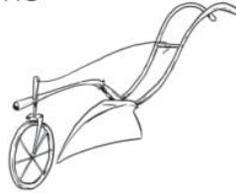
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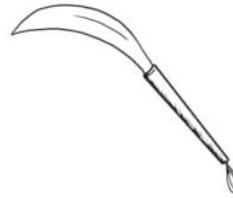
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A **plowshare** is the part of the plow that digs into the ground. It looks like this:



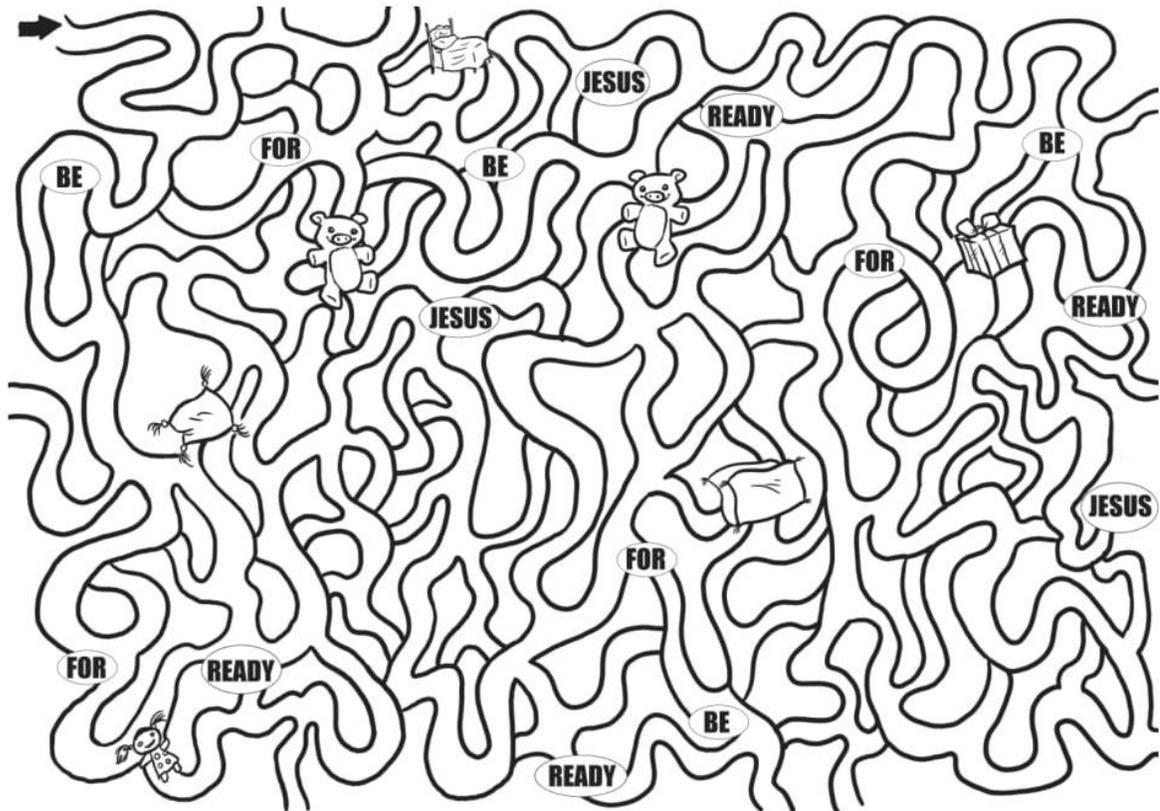
A **pruning hook** is a tool used to cut pieces off of trees and bushes. It looks like this:



Keep Awake!

We learn that Jesus will come at a time when we least expect it. Jesus tells us "Keep awake!" so that we will be ready. During Advent we stay awake and get ready for Jesus.

Follow the maze to get ready for Jesus. Avoid things that would make you sleepy! Pick up words along the way and put them in the blank spaces. They will reveal a secret message.



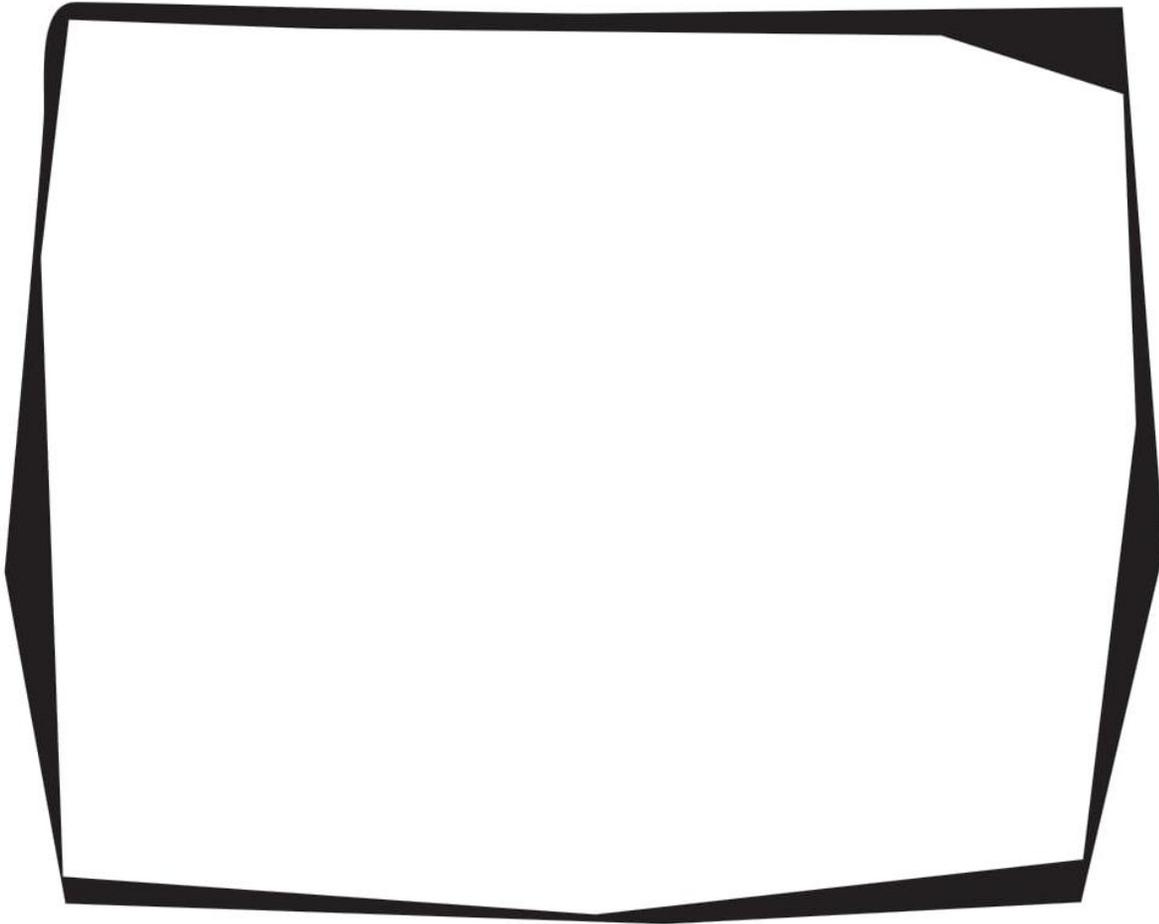
Secret Message:

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Wreath Meanings

During Advent, we light candles on an Advent wreath. One candle is lit for each Sunday in Advent until the fourth Sunday, when all of them are lit.

Do you have an Advent wreath in your church or at home? Draw what it looks like.



How many candles are lit today?



Look around your worship space. Can you find any other lit candles? Add them up in the space below.