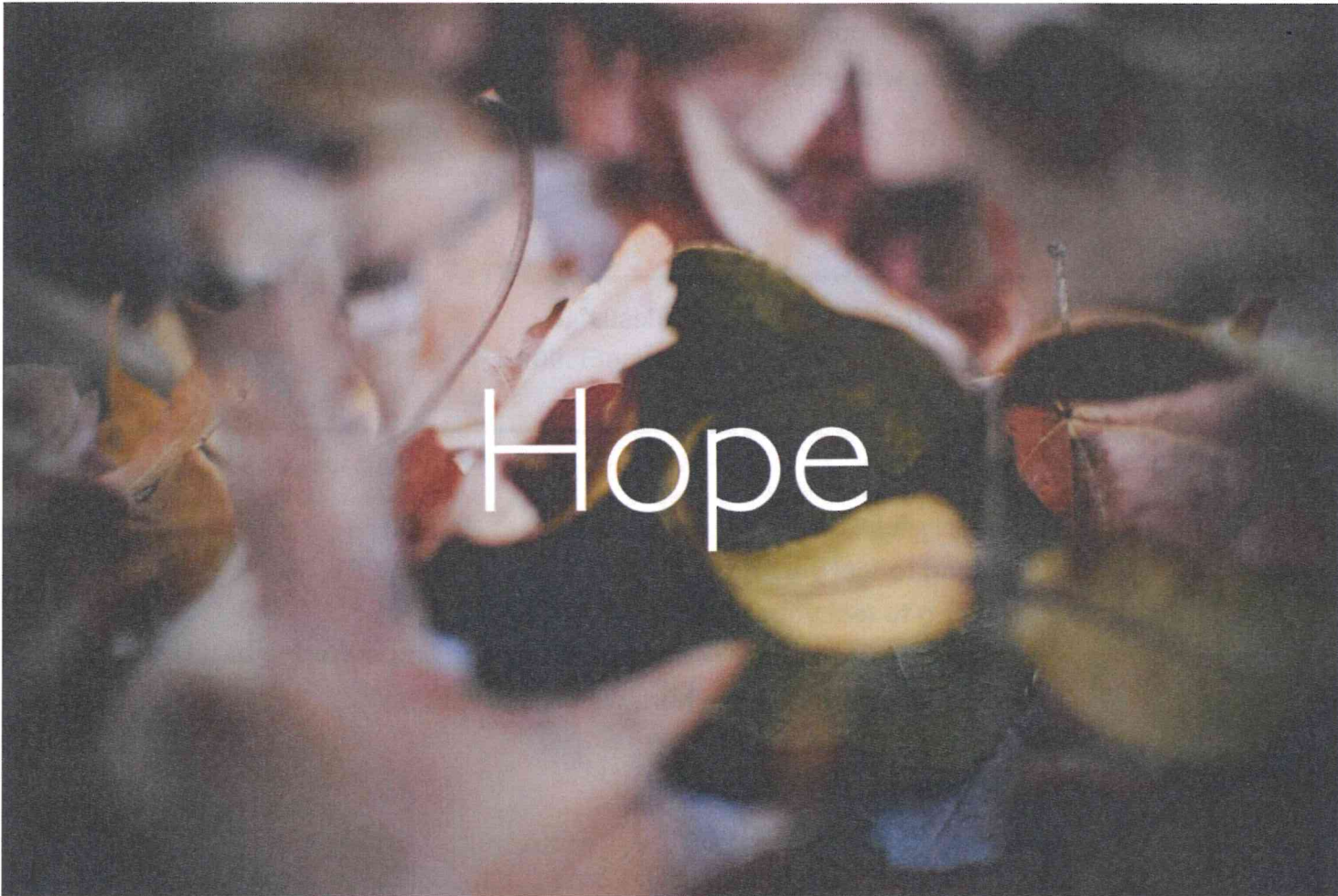


UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent



Hope

"The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before ... What is possible is to not see it, to miss it, to turn just as it brushes past you...So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For worrying. For pushing. For now, stay. Wait. Something is on the horizon." ~ Jan Richardson

Sunday Worship
10:00 am

Office Hours
Tuesday – Friday
8:30 am – 12 Noon, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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330 Fifth Avenue Southwest
Albany, OR 97321

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"

by Kim Robertson

You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God.

We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Hanson Family

+ Gathering Hymn 82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

We Offer Our Gratitude

Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God,

Kevin DeCoster

we long to feel you close.

We long to feel your presence in our lives.

We long for you to break through the chaos and suffering of this world.

We pause, we watch, we hurt, we dream, we pray...

for the earth to renew,

for our hearts to soften,

for your grace to cover us,

for your justice to pour out,

for time and space to listen,

for courage to act.

We wait filled with hope, knowing your light will shine in the darkness.

We wait anticipating your peace, believing that one day it will fill our world.

May we have eyes to see you and ears to hear you in these days of waiting. Amen.

Sung Response 90

"Wait for the Lord"

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.

We Listen & Receive

Time with the Young Church

*Children of all ages are invited to come forward.
Nursery and Children's Worship info is on the back of the bulletin.*

Scripture Reading Luke 1:5-13
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Come, Emmanuel" *by Don Besig*

Sermon "In the time..." Brandon Lewis

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn 88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Verses 1-2, 6-7)

Invitation to the Offering

We are grateful for your sharing part of your Sunday with us, and for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share. Offering boxes are at the rear of the sanctuary for those willing and able to help support the ministry of this congregation.

Offertory "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *by May Hogan Cambern*

+ Presentation of Gifts & Hymn 48

"Rain Down"

Sharing Joys & Concerns

*At the conclusion of spoken joys and concerns, let us pray together:
God, in your grace,
Hear our prayer.*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Are Sent in God's Love

+ Closing Hymn 100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

+ Benediction

+ Postlude "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

Welcome

We are delighted that you have added to the joy of worship this morning at United Presbyterian Church. We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey - whatever grief, joy, or doubts you may bring today—you are welcome here.

Announcements

December's Shopping Cart Mission: *The annual Socks & Underwear Drive for FISH has begun!* During the month of December, we will be collecting **NEW socks and underwear**. To help restock the clothes closet at **FISH**. Please put your donations in the shopping cart next to the elevator.

The 46th Annual Christmas Parlour Tour will be Sunday, Dec. 14 2025 from 2-7 p.m. Our beloved church will be part of the tour and we need volunteers to help bake, decorate, and welcome the visitors take a step back into the past. **Sign up on the form on the information table if you want to help.**

Upcoming Events

Sunday 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	November 30 Sunday Worship Deacons Homebound Project
Monday 6:00 p.m.	December 1 ACT Practice
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	December 2 Sabbath Circle Book Study Operational Board Meeting Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting ACT Practice
Wednesday 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	December 3 Youth Group Family Aging Support Group
Thursday 12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	December 4 YOGA Women's Book Study
Friday 9:00 a.m.	December 5 Tabitha's Sewing Society

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Guest Pianist— Amy Wiggins

Liturgist — The Hanson Family

Ushers — Roger Kroening, Billie Jo Cruzan, Andy and Colleen Nelson.

Coffee Hour — Dessert Potluck

Children's Programs — Logan Breese, Denise Alejandre, Natalie Alejandre, Beth Fite and Erica Reid.

Children's Programs

We are thrilled that you have chosen to bring your family to worship with ours! We believe children soak up the love of God even when they draw and color, read and create, or rest their head in your lap. Please feel welcome to visit our Children's Space located in the Round Room in the back of the sanctuary.

Children's Nursery (Age 0 – 4 yrs)

This is open for infants to 4 years old. In this age, we help guide these curious minds in play and encourage exploration in their environment.

Godly Play (Age 5 – 9 yrs)

Godly play is for children 5 - 9 years old. This is where the children learn about God through stories and explore their own thoughts by having free choice of activities that include a variety of crafts, art, song, and games.

Creative Minds (10 yrs +)

This program is for the youth 10 years old and up in the congregation. Creative Minds uses a combination of technology (such as Minecraft), different art media, games, and service projects to explore their relationship with God, encourage them to grow in their faith, spirituality, and community.

Local Outreach | Ways to Serve

Linn Benton Food Share—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities. The next time will be **Thursday, December 11 at 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Linn Benton Food Share Warehouse, 33900 Looney Ln., Tangent, OR 97389.

Prayers & Praise

Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:

Julie Charron
Nancy Goode and Family
Shirley Harrison
Chrys Hulshof
Mike Rogers
Bill Sissel

CHURCH STAFF

Brandon Lewis, *Pastor*
Tami Van Ras, *Pastoral Assistant*
Sienna Bogart, *Director of Children's Place*
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Tao Li, *Pianist*
Chris Misa, *AV Tech*
Logan Breese, *Bus Driver*