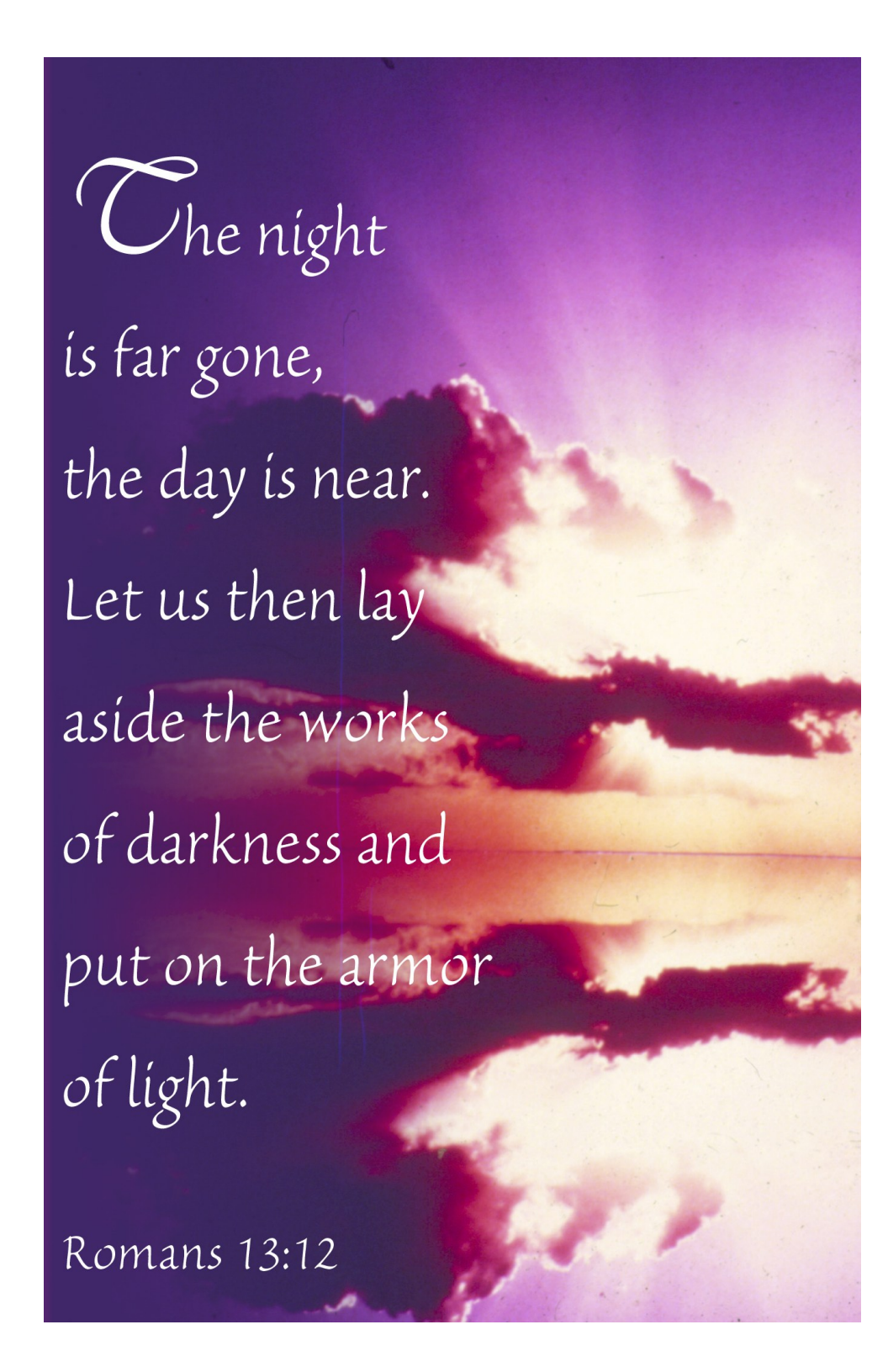




The night
is far gone,
the day is near.
Let us then lay
aside the works
of darkness and
put on the armor
of light.

Romans 13:12

Church on the Cape
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November 30, 2025
Rev. Greg Smith
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WE GATHER

HYMN SING

Susie Goodwin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The altar flowers are given in memory of Janet Vitanza- loving mother, grandmother, and friend.
- Thank you Carol Nason and Sandy Day, for hosting coffee hour this week.

PRELUDE

“Bereite dich, Zion”
Robert Gower, arr.

J.S. Bach

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 122)

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

People: Let us go to the house of the LORD!

Leader: With glad feet we enter your holy city.

People: We join those who go to give thanks to our God.

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

People: May they prosper who love you.

Leader: Peace be within your walls.

People: Peace be with you.

Leader: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

People: I will seek your good.

*HYMN

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

UMH #209

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING WITH THE CHILDREN

ADVENT CANDLE LITANY

Leader: Hope comes today as the theme for the first Sunday of Advent.

People: Hope comes because we know salvation draws near!

Leader: Hope comes as the nighttime fades away.

People: **Hope comes with a new dawn.**

Leader: Hope comes as we awake from our slumber.

People: **Hope comes as our eyes open to behold what God is doing!**

Leader: Hope comes as we remember what God has done...

People: **Hope comes as we hear the promise of what God will still do!**

Leader: Advent begins today...

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:2-5

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44

MESSAGE

“How do we stay awake?”

*ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(adapted from “Love Has Come” by Amy Grant Gill / John Shane Keister / Michael Whitaker Smith)*

I believe that Love has come

For the world to know

As the prophets foretold

Such a long time ago

And I believe that angels sang

That hope had begun

When the God of glory

Who is full of mercy

Yes, the God of glory

Sent his Son

OFFERTORY

“Psalm 80”

Emma Lou Diemer

DOXOLOGY & THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH #95

*HYMN **“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”** UMH #206

BLESSING

POSTLUDE **“Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland”** Karl Wolfrum
Robert Gower, arr.

MCCLELLAND FOUNDATION CONCERT

SATURDAY, DEC 13, 2025 2:00 p.m.



Back by popular demand, Chris Humphrey will bring his signature Swing Era sound with his friends, The Vintage Vocal Quartet. The smaller ensemble honors the sweet harmonies of Glenn Miller's Modernaires, the Andrews Sisters, and Tommy Dorsey's Pied Pipers. Free!

PERFUME AND COLOGNE REMINDER

As a courtesy to others with respiratory and allergy sensitivities, please refrain from wearing fragrances to worship and while attending activities here at the church. Thank you.

MINISTRY OF CARING

The December Ministry of Caring meeting has been moved to Wednesday, December 10, 9:30 a.m. in Bartlett Hall.

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Senior Moment's Christmas Concert



December 17
4 PM

Church on the Cape
Kennebunkport

Admission is FREE
Donations Appreciated

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Judy Cadieux	Patty Hutchins	Jean Moulton
Julie Chase	Bethany Hessel	Marybeth Munroe
Fran Celnar	Micki Kinney	Luverne Preble
Mary Heather Cookson	Lesa Kraft Angelos	Nancy Russo
Micke Cooper	Brett LaCour	Lettie Samuel
Risha Deary	Nicholas LaCour	Eric Schoener
Beth Dudley	Charity Perry Liutai	Jane Smith
Henry & Diane Dynia	Chloe McLaughlin	Chuck Wildes
Sally Ewton		



- 3 Diane Guertin**
6 Steve Russell
7 Rich Parsons
8 Sandra St. Jean
9 Priscilla Campbell-Wyman
10 Janet Acker
11 Isabella Simmons
15 Ann Hand & Judy Tripp
20 Jody Chase
26 Roberta Sanborn
28 Tom Bradbury , Chase MacIver, Diana & Natalie Smith
31 Ginny Hammar

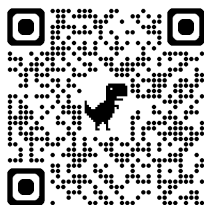
If you would like to add a name to the birthday list, please call or email the church office.
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THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Mon. Dec 1	1:00 pm	Senior Moments Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu. Dec 4	9am-12pm	Fair Items Drop Off
	5:00 pm	Cookie Deadline
Fri. Dec 5	9am-12pm	Fair Items Drop Off
	2-4 pm	Baked Items Drop Off
	6:45 pm	Carols & Tree Lighting- Cape Porpoise FD
Sat. Dec 6	8:00 am	Baked Items Drop Off
	8:30 am-1:00 pm	Christmas Fair (Cargo Shop Open)
EVENTS EVERY WEEK AT COTC		
Sunday	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday	10:00 am	Chimes Rehearsal
Tuesday	10:30 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch (Bring Your Food)
	12:30 am	Advent Bible Study
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Senior Moments
Thursday	5:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00pm	Advent Bible Study
LOOKING AHEAD		
Sun. Dec 7	1:30 pm	Communion at Huntington Common
Mon. Dec 8	1:00 pm	Senior Moments (Sanctuary)
Tue. Dec 9	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Wed. Dec 10	9:30am	Ministry of Caring
	1:00 pm	Missions Outreach
	7:00pm	Trustees Meeting
Sat. Dec. 13	2:00pm	Vintage Vocal Quartet Concert



Everyone is welcome at Church on the Cape, UMC, without exception. What matters most to us and what unites us as a vibrant, compassionate community of faith, is the assurance that we are all beloved children of God and of sacred worth to our Creator. Come as you are and join us on our faith journeys as we seek to make followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



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