ADVENT 1 — Rooted in Baptism, Rising in Hope

READINGS

Isaiah 64:1–9
Psalm 80
1 Corinthians 1:3–9
Mark 13:24–37

THEME

God is faithful, even when the future is uncertain.

LITANY

Leader: From the stump of Jesse, God promises a new beginning. Even when the world seems uncertain and hope seems distant, God is at work.

All: We are rooted in God's promises, and we rise in hope.

Leader: In the waters of baptism, God claimed us as beloved children, joined us to Christ, and planted us in a promise that will never fail.

All: We are rooted in grace, and we rise in faith.

Leader: As we watch and wait for Christ's coming, we trust the One who has called us, claimed us, and will sustain us to the end.

All: Restore us, O God. Let your face shine upon us, that we may be saved. Amen.

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

1. Who helped you first understand that you are a beloved child of God?
2. Where do you see signs of hope emerging in uncertain times?