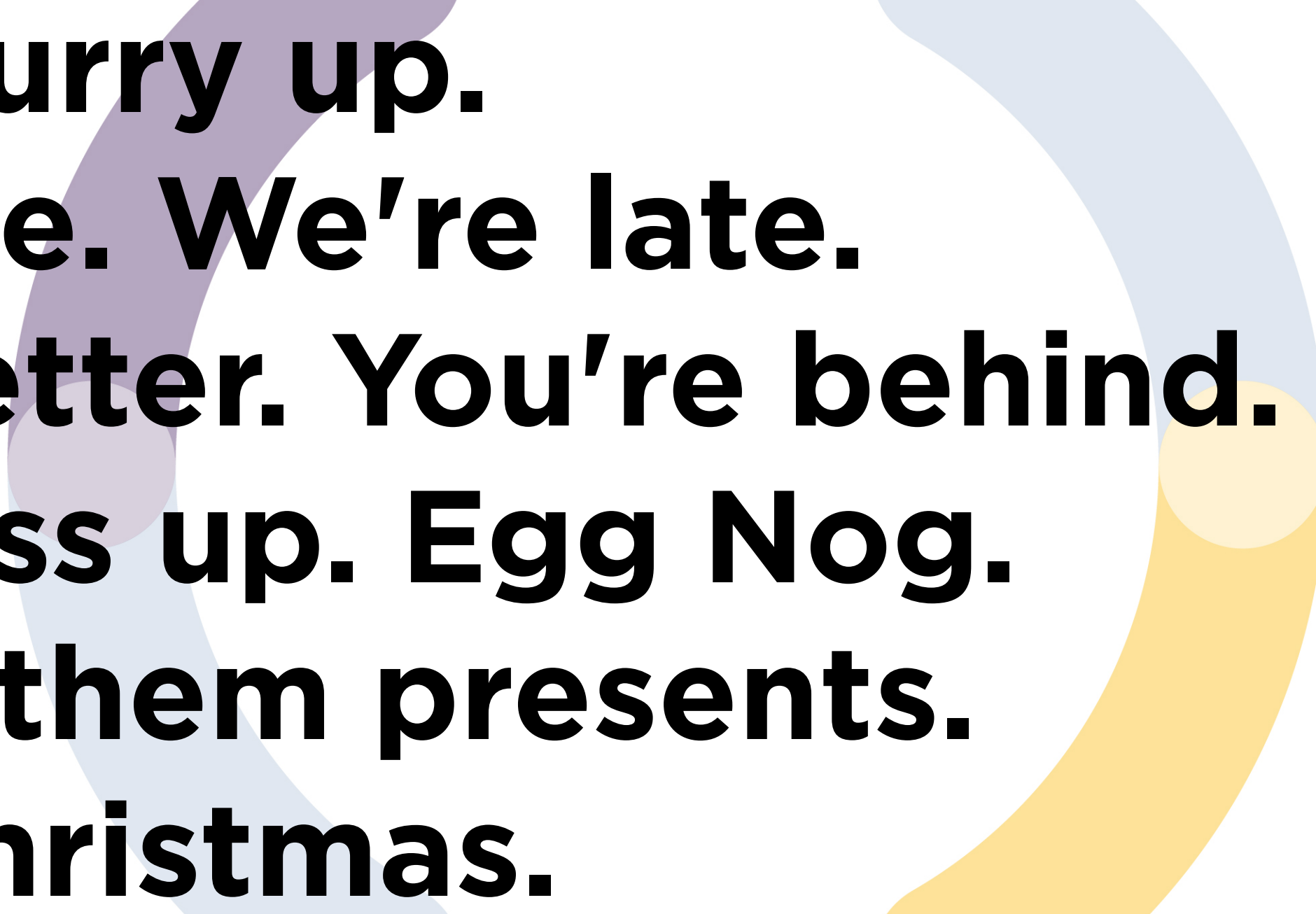


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Advent 2019



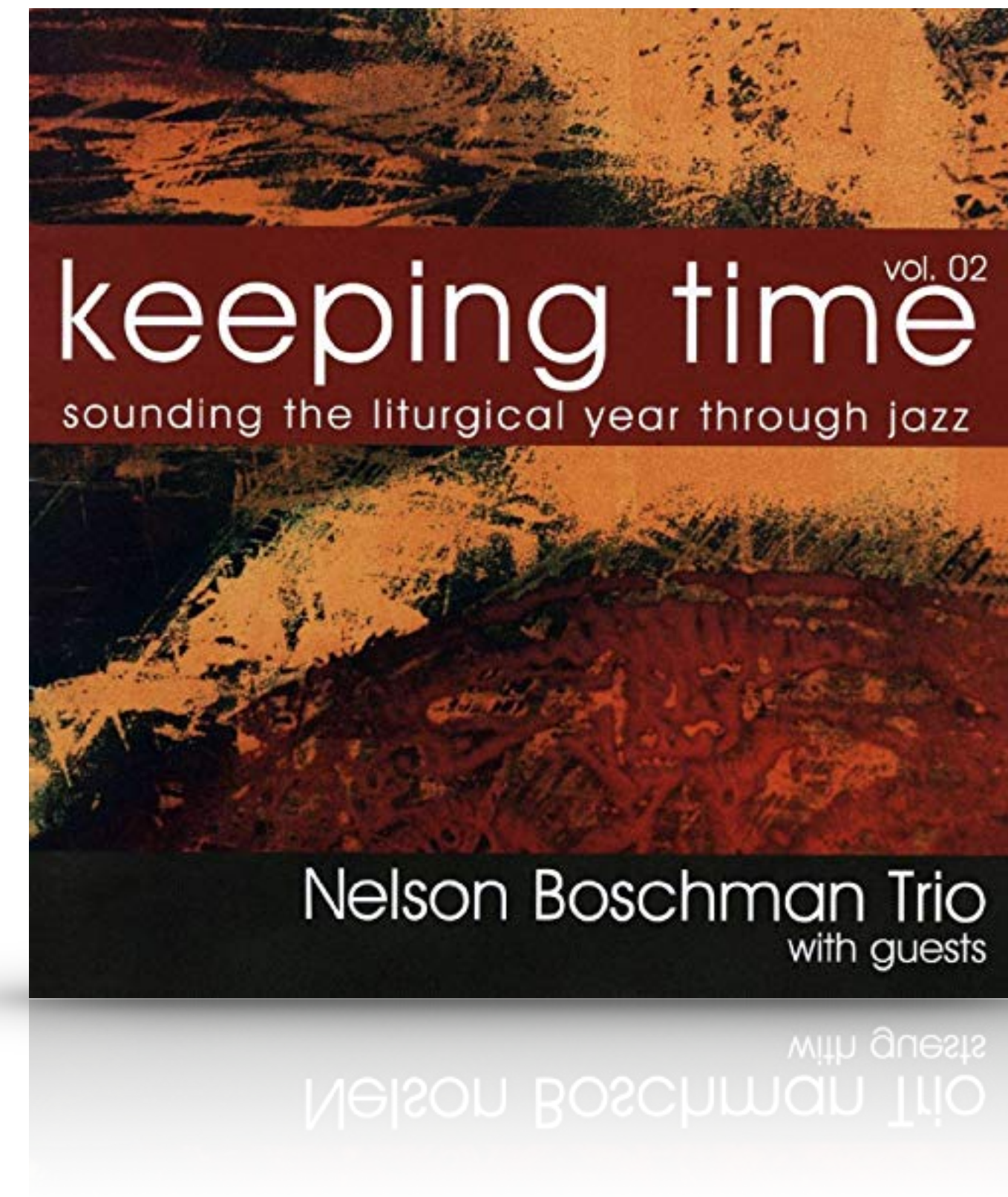
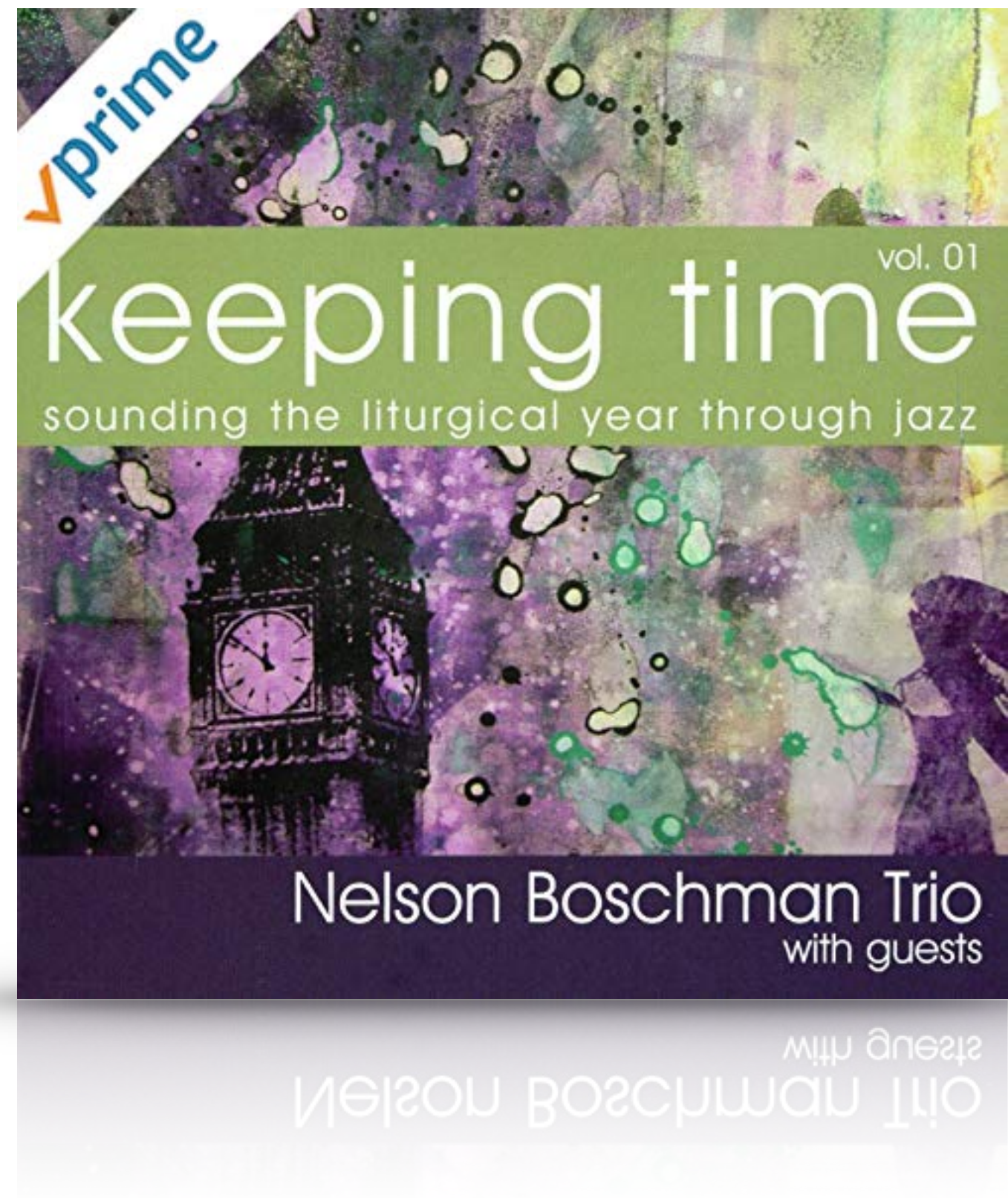


**Buy this. Be happy. Hurry up.
Sing louder. Pray more. We're late.
Get involved. Bake better. You're behind.
Call your mother. Dress up. Egg Nog.
String the lights. Get them presents.
Just believe. Merry Christmas.**



**Slow down. Pay attention. Keep Watch.
Be ready. Make room. (Egg Nog.)**

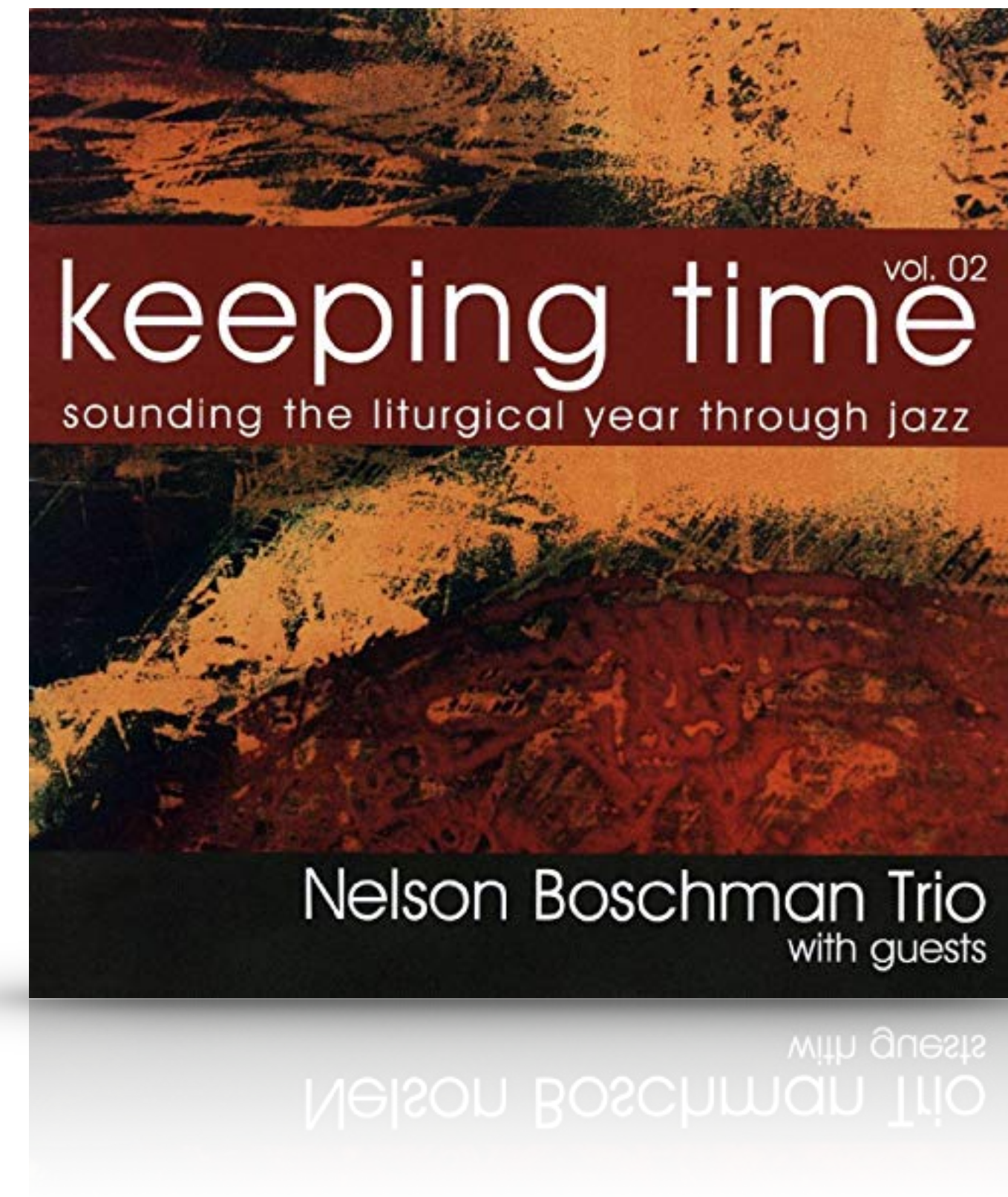
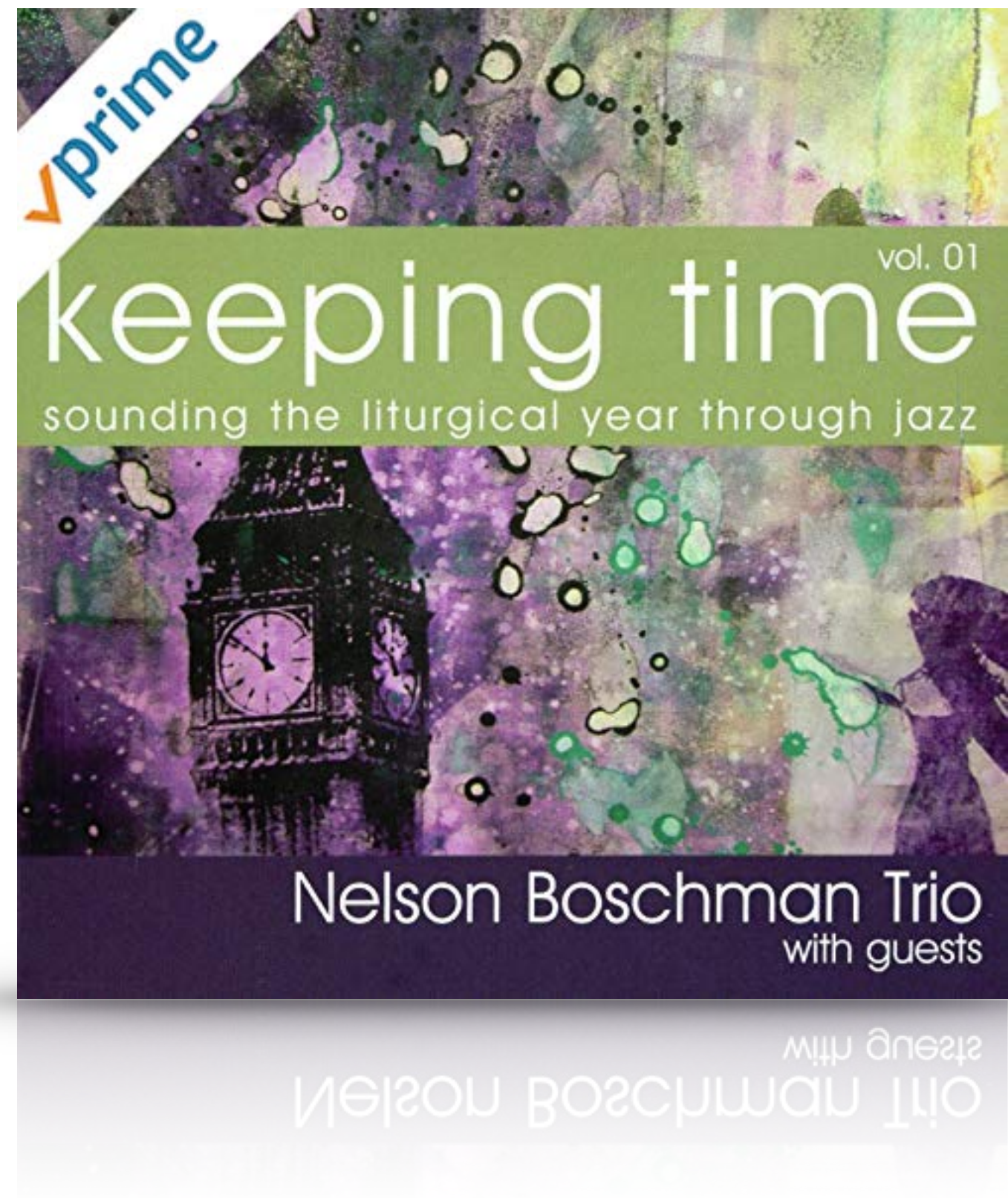
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“Time isn’t the main thing. It’s the only thing.”

Miles Davis

Church Calendar

Advent anticipates the coming of Messiah.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus.

Epiphany remembers the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles.

Lent is the solemn journey to the cross.

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection.

Pentecost marks the birth of the church.

Ordinary Time leads us through the year and back to Advent.

Advent 1

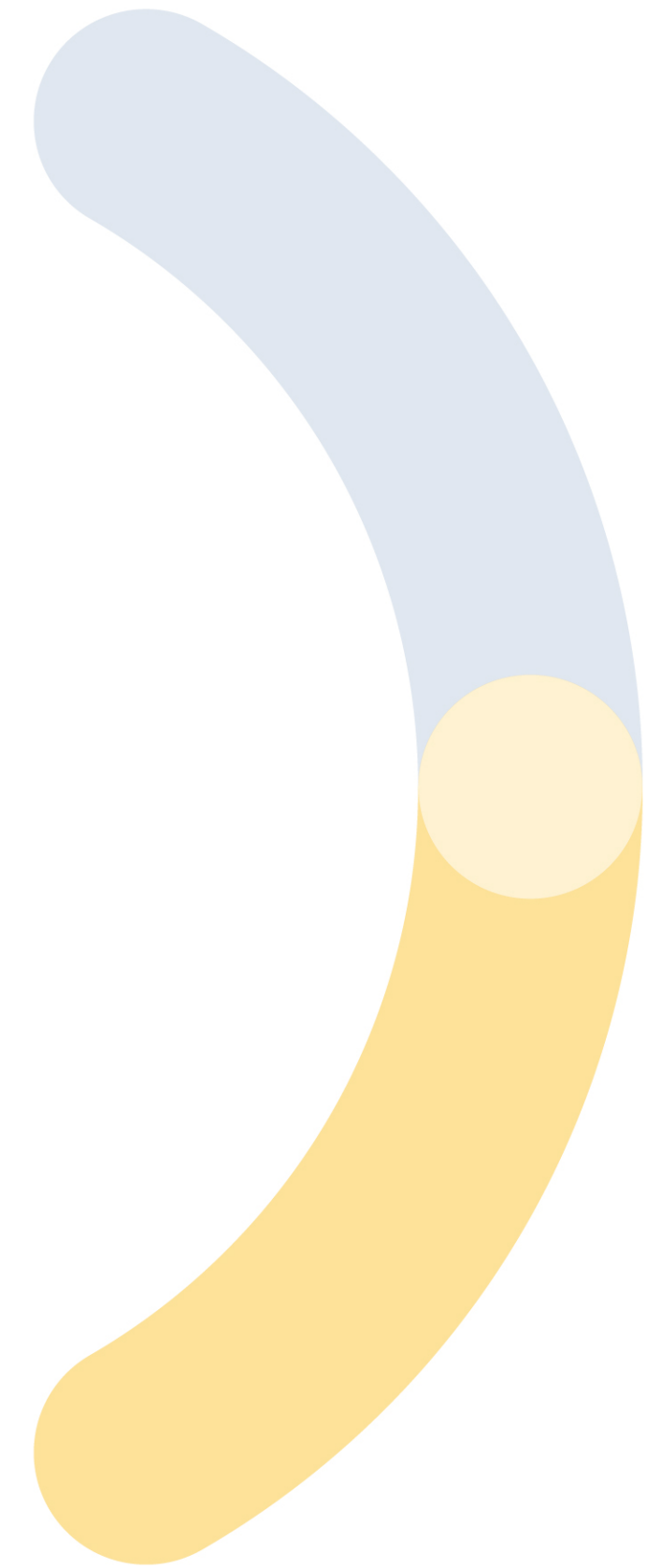
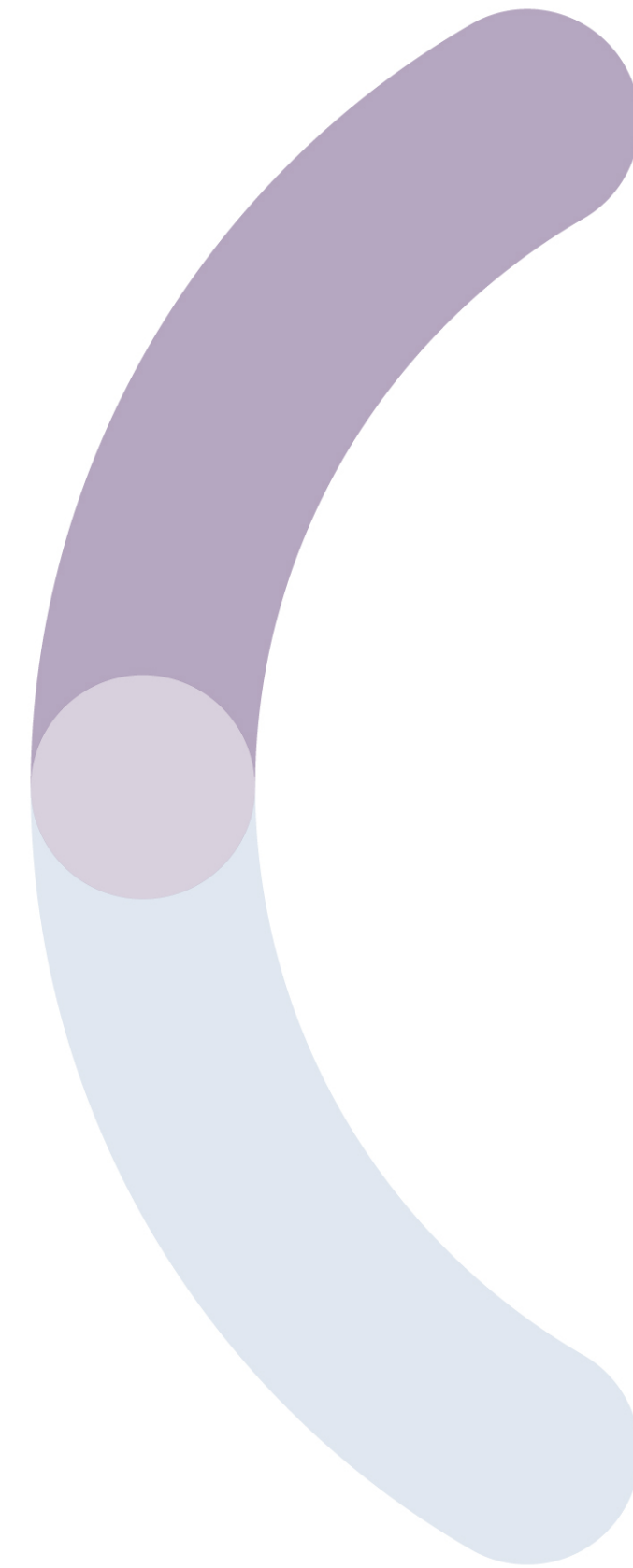


Advent 2

Advent 1 |————| **Advent 2**
between the times

Poem: *Missing the Boat*

Naomi Shihab Nye

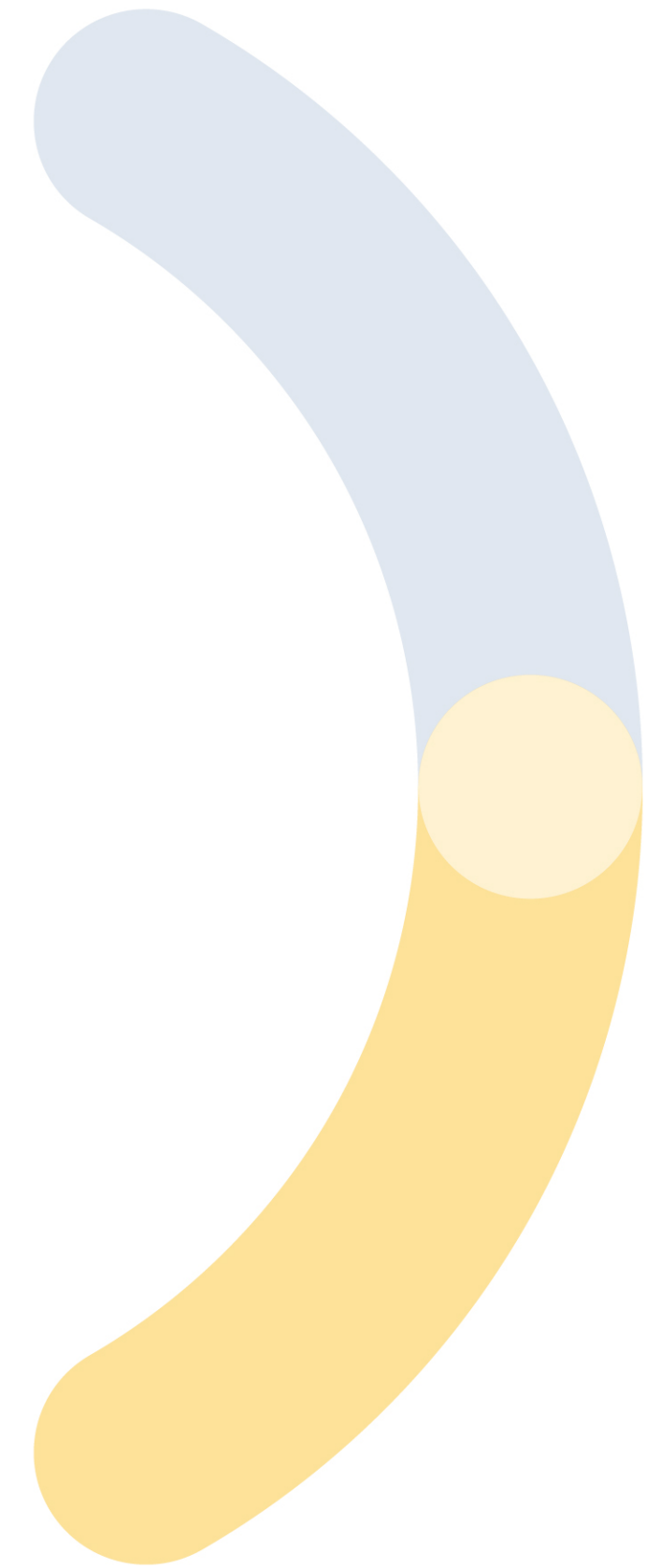


Romans 13:11-12

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.

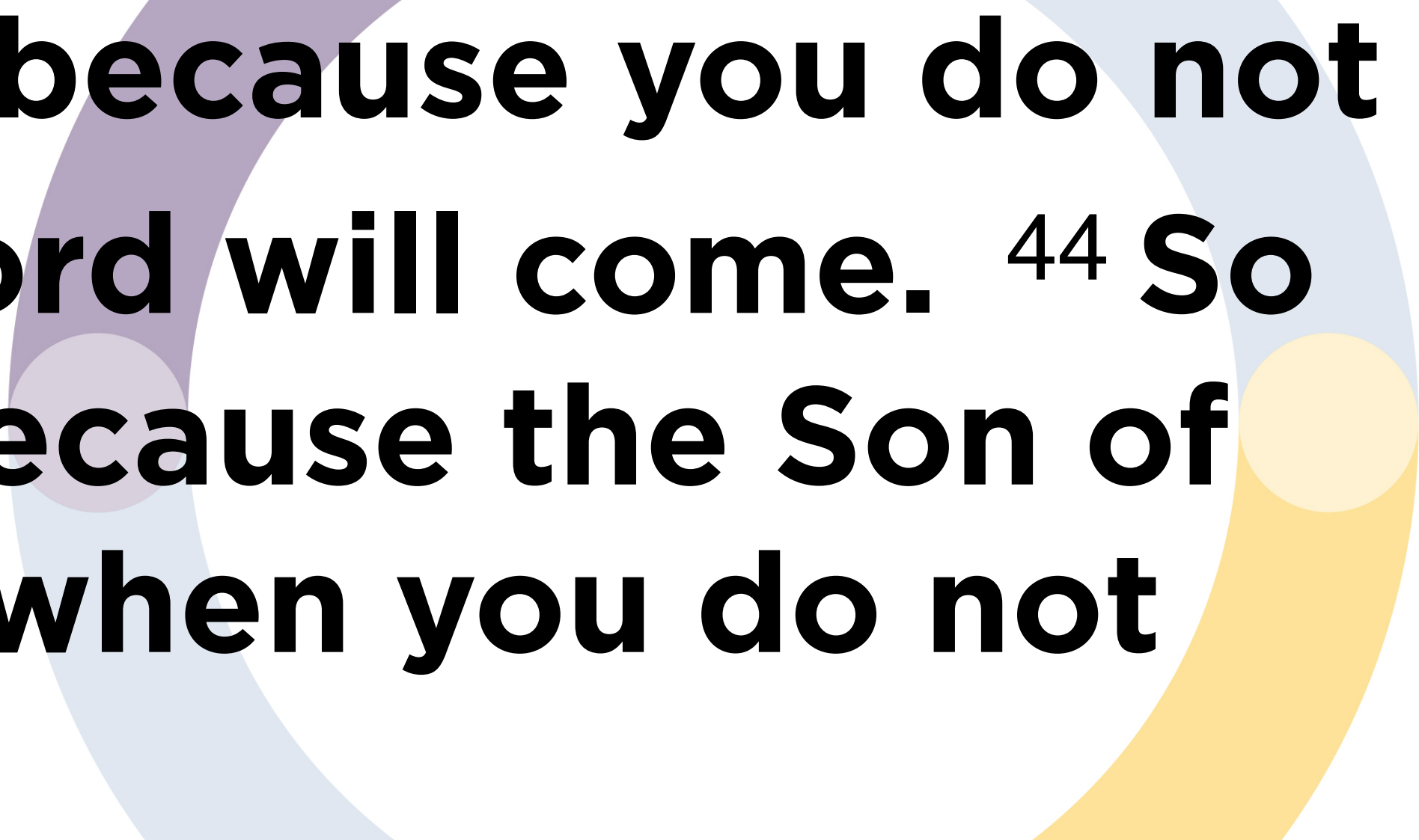
“Hope begins in the dark.”

Anne Lamott



Matthew 24:42,44

⁴² “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.



***First Coming
of Christ***



Advent 1

***Second Coming
of Christ***



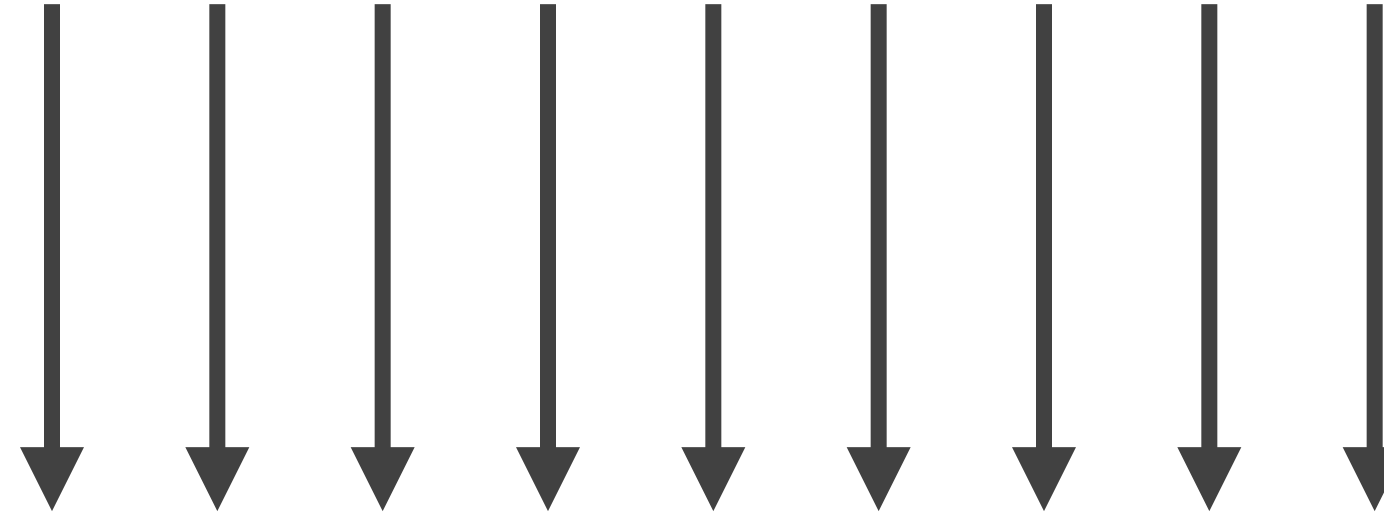
Advent 2

between the times

***First Coming
of Christ***



***‘Third’ Coming
of Christ (by the Spirit)***



***Second Coming
of Christ***

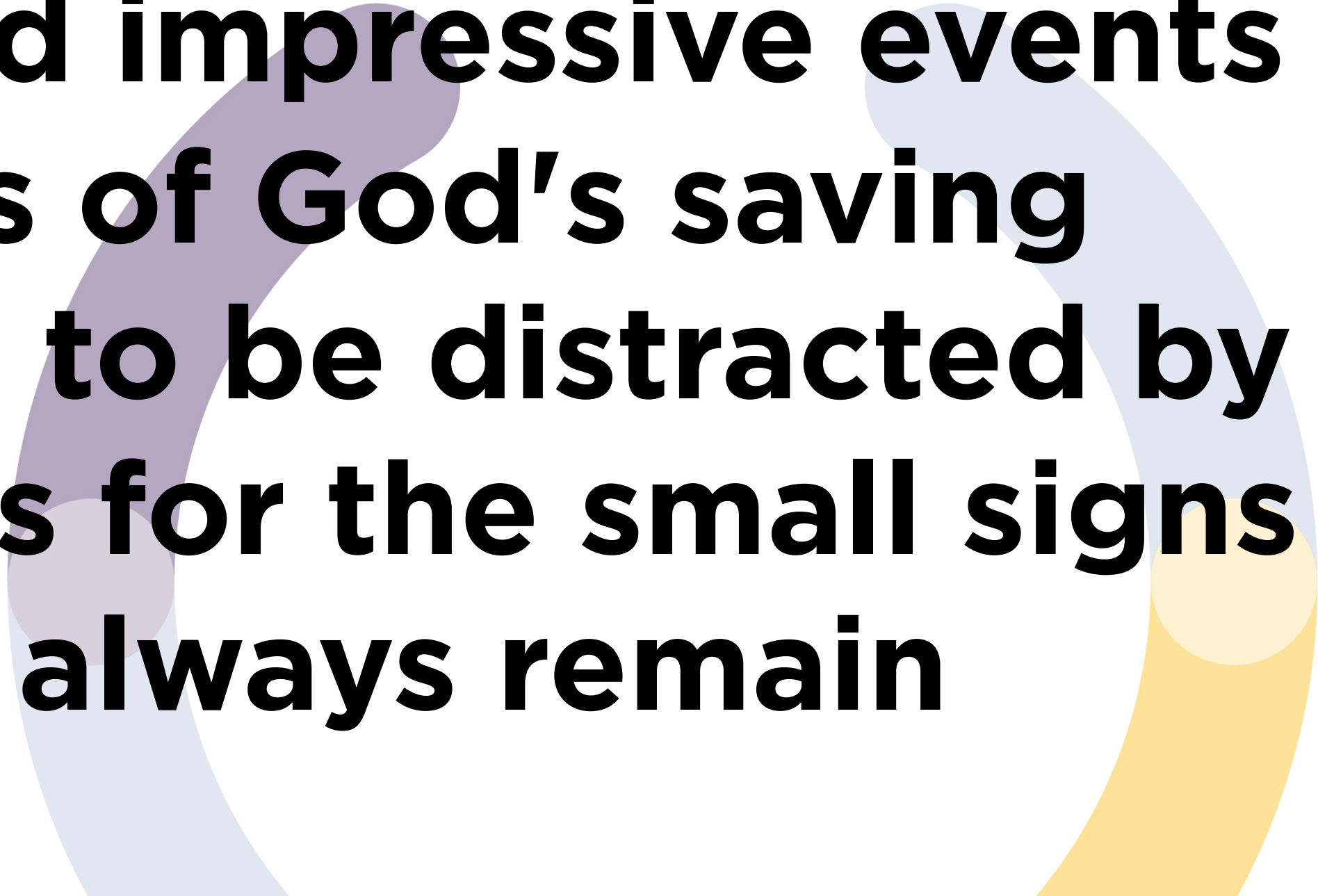


Advent 1



Advent 2

between the times



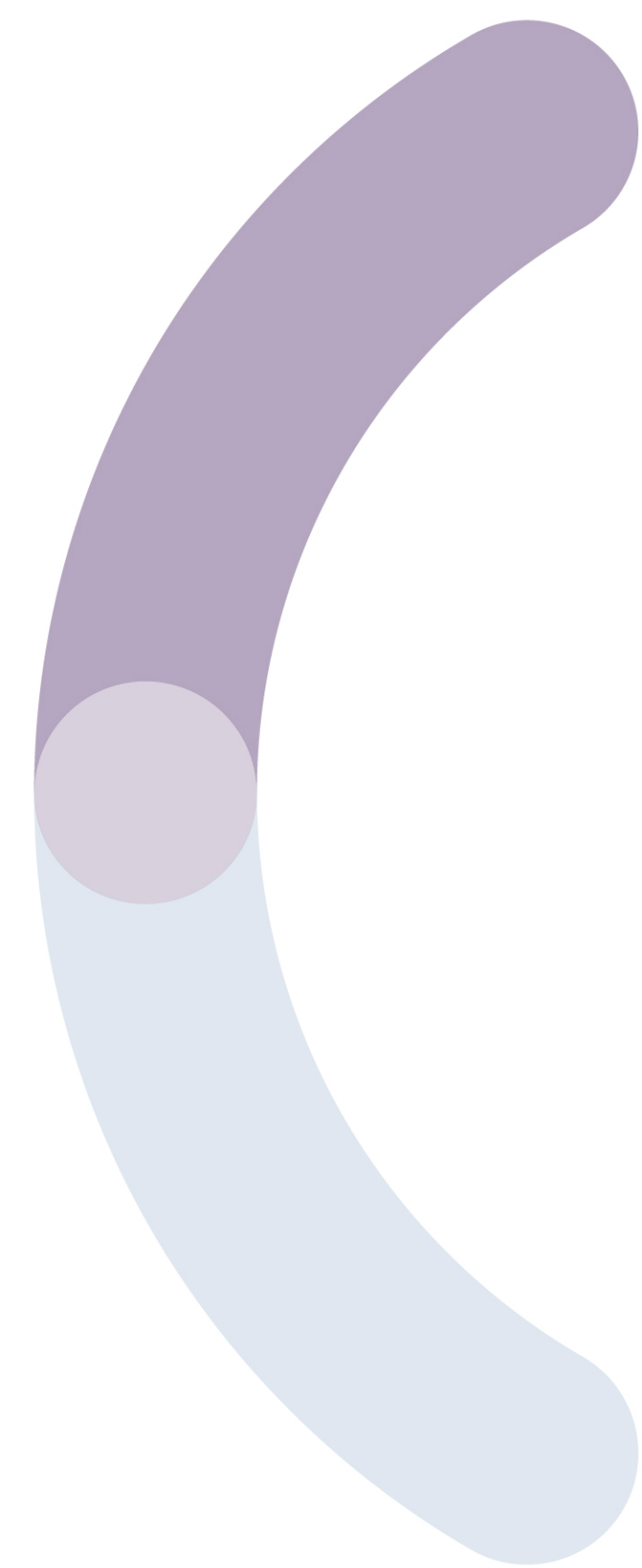
“I keep expecting loud and impressive events to convince me and others of God’s saving powers. Our temptation is to be distracted by them. When I have no eyes for the small signs of God’s presence ... I will always remain tempted to despair.”

Henri Nouwen

Advent Quiz

1. In the first Advent, where God broke into history in the Incarnation of Jesus, who discerned it?

- a.) Pharisees**
- b.) Scribes & Priests**
- c.) Bill Nye**
- d.) Pagan Stargazers & Peasant Shepherds**



Practices for Keeping Time



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