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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent NOVEMBER 30, 2025

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

PRELUDE Hark the Herald Angels Sing

INTROIT FOR ADVENT #219 (repeat 3 times) Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Today, we light the first candle of Advent.

People: We kindle it with hope.

Leader: We long for God to come into our world, to break through our despair, and bring

compassion, justice, and peace, and so on this first Sunday of Advent, we pray:

People: Shine on us, O God of justice. Guide our path through gloom of night.

Bear within us Wisdom's glory. Come to us, O Christ the Light.

Leader: We light the first candle of Advent as a symbol of our hope.

[The first candle is lit]

*GATHERING HYMN #210 (vs 1,2,6,7) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

PRAYER CONCERNS

UNISON PRAYER

God of beginnings and becoming, we enter this season of Advent aware of both light and shadow. We come carrying our questions, our longings, and our quiet hopes for what has not yet taken shape. In the darkness, your Word finds voice. In uncertainty, you make room for courage.

Teach us to trust the holiness of what we do not yet understand, and to listen for your presence in the stillness. As we prepare our hearts for the coming Light, help us rest in the mystery, and open us to the hope that grows even in the dark. Be with us now as we enter a time of silent meditation and prayer.

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PASTORAL PRAYER 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

*HYMN OF THE MONTH #237 Now the Heavens

RESPONSIVE PSALM for the first Sunday in Advent (Psalm 122)

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Leader: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

People: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

Leader: For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

People: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Leader: Peace be within your walls and security within your towers."

People: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

Leader: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

GIFT OF MUSIC Oh Christ, the Rock I'll Stand On Beverly Snyder

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider these options: checks, cash, or arrange for your bank or credit union to send a monthly check to UUC at no charge to the donor.

OFFERTORY Away in a Manger

*DOXOLOGY #71A & BLESSING

Praise God, the source of life and birth.

Praise God, the Word who came to earth.

Praise God the Spirit, holy Flame.

All glory, honor to God's name.

SCRIPTURES John 1:1-5, (pew Bible p.922)

Exodus 1:1-7 (pew Bible p. 46)

SERMON Hope in the Darkness Rev. Wendy Fambro

*CLOSING HYMN #218 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE LeMon Soli Deo Gloria, Soli Deo Gloria To God alone all glory be, To God alone all glory be Amen, Amen, Amen

POSTLUDE Keep on the Sunny Side

Please join us across the street for coffee and fellowship as we bid farewell to Peter O'Connor followed by

the Hanging of the Greens

<u>November Leadership</u>: Trustee: Joe Dosch, Fellowship: Sharon Burdick, **Deacon:** TBD, Elder: Nov 30: Rick Stephens

Prayer Concerns

Ding Jiaxi & Family, Chang Weiping & Family, Wes Bentz, Lowin, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Vangelia Perryman, Esther & Marcus Epps, Bob & Deb Lewis, Bob Condrate, Joan & Brad Bowden, Luanne Crosby's friends: Kathy Kalushka (breast cancer) & Kathy Bohlen (cancer), Steve Crandall, the family of Hugh Langelier, Jim Ryder (he is a friend of Michele Hluchy), Joan Schulze's niece, Marnie Johnson, the family of Clayton Stutzman.

Serving Today

Guest Preacher	Wendy Fambro
Lay Leader	Anna McHale
Greeter(s)	the Stephens
Flowers	Advent Wreath
Coffee Hour	Rees & Fellowship
Keyboard	Peter O'Connor
Usher	John Meacham
Zoom Hosts	Jim Ninos

<u>Looking Ahead – December 7 – Pew Communion</u>

Guest Preacher	Sarah Jacoby Murphy
Lay Leader	Dave Porter
Greeter(s)	Regina Burke
Altar Flowers	Advent Wreath
Coffee Hour	Buckwalters
Keyboard	Laurel Buckwlter
Usher	Porter
Zoom Hosts	Jim Ninos

<u>Upcoming Guest Preachers</u> **Flowers**

Dec 7: Sarah Jacoby Murphy Dec 7: Advent Dec 14: Sarah Jacoby Murphy Dec 14: Advent Dec 21: Stan Mitchell Dec 21: Advent

Dec 28: Prayer Breakfast Dec 28: Prayer Breakfast

Greeters

Coffee Hour Dec 7: Regina Burke Dec 7: Buckwalter

Dec 14: Mary Smith Dec 14:Dosch/Evangelista

Lay Leaders Usher

Nov 30: McHale Dec: Dave Porter

Dec 7: Porter

Dec 14: Sharon Smith

Blankets Needed for Journey's End Refugee Services

Upcoming Events

Nov 30: Hanging of the Greens Nov 30: Peace Lily orders due

Dec 6: Box of Books Library wreath making fundraiser

Dec 12: UUC Holiday Luncheon (Peace is this year's theme)

Dec 12 Christmas Boxes due at UUC

Dec 14: Christmas Box cookies due at UUC Dec 14: Food Pantry cookies due at UUC

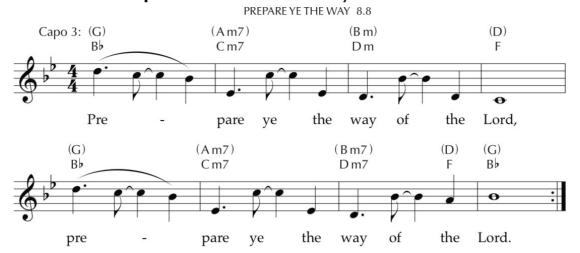
November Mission of the Month Habitat for Humanity

Pre-Sale orders for Peace Lilies (\$15.00 each) are due today, November 30.



December 21, 2025 Dish to Pass

219 Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord



Text: Isaiah 40:3, Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3

Music: Stephen Schwartz (USA), © 1971 Range Road Music, Inc., Quartet Music, Inc., and New Cadenza Music, Inc., dist. Hal Leonard, Inc.



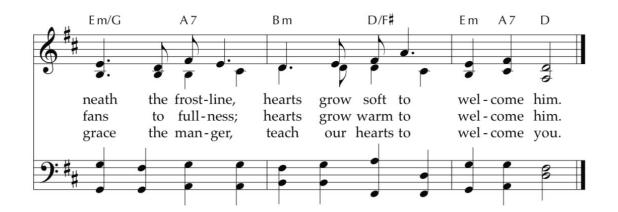
210 O Come, O Come, Immanuel



Text: anon., O Antiphons, ca. 8th-9th c.; "Veni, veni Emmanuel," 12th c.; stanzas 1–5 trans. John M. Neale (England), Medieval Hymns and Sequences, 1851, alt.; stanzas 6–7 trans. Henry Sloane Coffin (USA), Hymns of the Kingdom of God, 1916 Music: trope melody (present-day France), 15th c.

237 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper







218 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



Text: Charles Wesley (England), Hymns for the Nativity of Our Lord, 1744; stanza 2 adapt. from "Light of Those Whose Dreary Dwelling" in the same collection

Music: Rowland H. Prichard (Wales), ca. 1830, Cyfaill y Cantorion, 1844; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (England), The English Hymnal, 1906, adapt. 1951, BBC Hymn Book, © Oxford University Press, London

