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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.

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

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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**

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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*

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

**Prayer Concerns**

Ding Jiayi & 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

**Looking Ahead – December 7 – Pew Communion**

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

**Upcoming Guest Preachers**

Dec 7: Sarah Jacoby Murphy  
Dec 14: Sarah Jacoby Murphy  
Dec 21: Stan Mitchell  
Dec 28: Prayer Breakfast

**Greeters**

Dec 7: Regina Burke  
Dec 14: Mary Smith

**Lay Leaders**

Nov 30: McHale  
Dec 7: Porter  
Dec 14: Sharon Smith

**Flowers**

Dec 7: Advent  
Dec 14: Advent  
Dec 21: Advent  
Dec 28: Prayer Breakfast

**Coffee Hour**

Dec 7: Buckwalter  
Dec 14: Dosch/Evangelista

**Usher**

Dec: Dave Porter

**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

PREPARE YE THE WAY 8.8

Capo 3: (G) B $\flat$  (A m7) C m7 (B m) D m (D) F

Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord,

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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

VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain



1 O come, O come, Im-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive  
 2 O come, O come, thou God of law, in cloud and maj-es-  
 3 O come, thou Rod of Jes-se, free thine own from Sa-tan's  
 — 4 O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir-its by thine  
 5 O come, thou Key of Da-vid, come and o-pen wide our  
 6 O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, and or-der all things  
 7 O come, De-sire of na-tions, bind all peo-ples in one



Is-ra-el, that mourns in lone-ly ex-ile  
 ty and awe. Thy pre-cepts, taught on Si-nai's  
 tyr-an-ny. From depths of hell thy peo-ple  
 — ad-vent here. Dis-purse the gloom-y clouds of  
 heav'n-ly home. Make safe the way that leads to  
 far and nigh. To us the path of knowl-edge  
 heart and mind. Bid en-vy, strife, and quar-rels



here, un-til the Son of God ap-pear.  
 height, call us to lives both just and right.  
 save, and give them vic-t'ry o'er the grave.  
 — night, and death's dark shad-ow put to flight.  
 thee and close the path to mis-er-y.  
 show, and cause us in thy ways to go.  
 cease, and fill the world with heav-en's peace.

Refrain



Re-joice! Re-joice! Im-man-



u-el shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el.



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

SUO GAN 8.7.8.7 D

D Em7 A7 Bm D/A

1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is  
 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon-light now be - gin to  
 3 Christ, e - ter - nal sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of

Em A7 D Bm F#m Em/G A7

grow - ing thin. Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten  
 drift a - way. Dia - mond bril-liance through the dark-ness  
 wis - dom's seed, come to bless with fire and fra-grance

Bm D/F# Em A7 D G

to the stir - ring, faint with - in: seed of prom - ise, deep - ly  
 shines the hope of com - ing day. Christ, the morn - ing star of  
 hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need. In the lone - ly, in the

D Bm F#m Em7 A7 Bm F#m

plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem! Like the soil be -  
 splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim. Heav - en's em - ber  
 strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view: child who comes to



Em/G      A7      Bm      D/F#      Em    A7    D

neath    the frost-line,    hearts    grow soft to    wel-come him.  
 fans    to full-ness;    hearts    grow warm to    wel-come him.  
 grace    the man-ger,    teach    our hearts to    wel-come you.






# 218 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (Em/D) (A) (D) (A) (D)  
F C F Gm/F C F C F




1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy  
2 Come, thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior; come, re - deem the  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and

(Em/G) (A) (D) (A) (D) (Em/D) (A)  
Gm/Bb C F C F Gm/F C



peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,  
hu - man race. Life and joy spring from thy fa - vor;  
yet a king; born to reign in us for - ev - er,

(D) (A) (D) (Em/G) (A) (D) (F#m) (Bm7) (Em7)  
F C F Gm/Bb C F Am Dm7 Gm7



let us find our rest in thee: Is - rael's strength and con - so -  
cheer each soul in need of grace. Still we wait for thine ap -  
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

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

(A7) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (A sus) (A) (D) (Em7)  
 C7 F Dm Gm7 C sus C F Gm7

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of  
 pear-ing— make our sense - less strug - gles cease. Guide us from our  
 Spir - it, rule in all our hearts a - lone. By thine all - suf-

(D) (A) (D) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D)  
 F C F Bb F/C C7 F

ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 wea - ry wand - 'ring in - to paths of per - fect peace.  
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

