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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 14, 2025

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

PRELUDE Wexford Carol *arr. Mark Hayes*

***INTROIT FOR ADVENT #219** (*repeat 3 times*)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Leader: On the first Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of Hope, trusting that God meets us in every longing. On the second Sunday, we lit the candle of Peace, remembering that God calms our hearts and steadies our steps. Today we light the candle of Joy, echoing Mary's song: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

[three candles are lit:]

People: As the third candle is lit, we welcome Joy – not as cheerfulness, but as God's quiet strength rising within us. May this light awaken Joy in us as we prepare room for Christ's coming. Amen

GIFT OF MUSIC Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus *Bell Choir*

*** HYMN OF THE MONTH #237** Now the Heavens

PRAYER CONCERNS

UNISON PRAYER #1010

O God, our deliverer:

You cast down the mighty and lift up those of no account.

Like Elizabeth and Mary, who embraced one another with songs of liberation,

May we, pregnant with your Spirit, affirm one another in hope for the world, in the name of Jesus. Amen

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Pastoral Symphony from "Messiah" *G. F. Handel, arr. Robert Gower*

Please join in a time of silent prayer as you listen to the meditation

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 #208**

With Mary Sing Magnificat

RESPONSIVE PSALM for the third Sunday in Adven Psalm 146

Leader: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

People: **He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.**

Leader: He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

People: **The Lord sets prisoners free,
the Lord gives sight to the blind,**

Leader: the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.

People: **The Lord watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

Leader: The Lord reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

All: Praise the Lord

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The offering plate is 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 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Polish carol, arr. Robert Lau

***DOXOLOGY # & BLESSING**

#71A: 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.

GIFT OF MUSIC

Carol of the Bells

Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46b-55 (The Magnificat) *(pew Bible p.888)*

SERMON The Joyous Reversal *Sarah Jacoby-Murphy*

*** HYMN# 412** **My Soul Cries Out**

*** 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 Angels from the Realms of Glory *arr. Mark Hayes*

***Please stand as you are able.**

Please join us across the street for coffee and fellowship

December Leadership: Trustee: Dale Watson, **Fellowship:** Luanne Crosby, **Deacon:** MaryBeth McDonough, **Elder:** Cathy Rees

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), Joan Schulze's niece, Marnie Johnson, Joe Fasano who is in rehab at Elderwood.

Serving Today

Guest Preacher.....Sarah Jacoby Murphy
Lay Leader..... Sharon Smith
Greeter(s).....Mary Smith
Flowers.....Advent Wreath
Coffee Hour.....Cartledge/Hluchy
Keyboard.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....Porter
Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos, John Buckwalter

Looking Ahead – December 21

Guest Preacher.....Rev. Stan Mitchell
Lay Leader.....John Buckwalter
Greeter(s).....Regina Burke
Altar Flowers.....Advent Wreath
Coffee Hour.....Evangelista/Dosch
Keyboard.....Laurel Buckwalter
Usher.....Porter
Zoom Hosts.....Jim Ninos

Upcoming Guest Preachers

Dec 21: Stan Mitchell

Dec 28: Prayer Breakfast

Greeters

Dec 21: Watson

Lay Leaders

Dec 21: John Buckwalter

Flowers

Dec 21: Advent

Dec 28: Prayer Breakfast

Coffee Hour

Dec 21: Evangelista/Dosch

Usher

Porter

Blankets Needed for Journey's End Refugee Services (collection bins at the church Center)

Upcoming Events

Dec 14: Christmas Box cookies due at UUC

Dec 14: Food Pantry cookies due at UUC



CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 21, 2025

5:00 pm

**Bring a dish-to-pass if you are able,
providing your own tableware is optional**



Sunday, December 28, 2025

Prayer Breakfast

King David Room

10:30am

**Bring a breakfast dish, fruit, muffins, etc.
tableware is optional**



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.



208 With Mary Sing Magnificat

FOREST GREEN CMD

(D) G D Am D D7 G

1 With Ma - ry sing mag - nif - i - cat; with Mir - iam dance in praise;
 2 The One who hon - ored Riz - pah's stand a - gainst a king's de - cree
 3 With con - fi - dence we may pro - claim Love's lib - er - at - ing pow'r,

D G D Am D D7 G

with proph - et An - na speak a word of faith in joy a - blaze,
 and bol - stered clev - er mid - wives' plans to foil bru - tal - i - ty
 bear wit - ness to the sav - ing grace still with us ev - 'ry hour,

Em Bm D G D G C D

for love and mer - cy shall pre - vail; no need shall be ig - nored;
 re - mains through con - flict, doubt, and fear our Ad - vo - cate and Friend;
 and sing with thanks, de - light, and praise a new yet an - cient song;

D G D Am D D7 G

the lost shall find their home a - gain and ev - 'ry hope re - stored.
 each grief and loss shall be re - deemed; each pain - ful wound shall mend.
 to - geth - er sing mag - nif - i - cat with voic - es clear and strong.

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My Soul Cries Out

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN 9.8.10.8 D with refrain



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more for the food they can
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which



did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be


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Music: Irish traditional; arr. Rory Cooney

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G D Em C Em

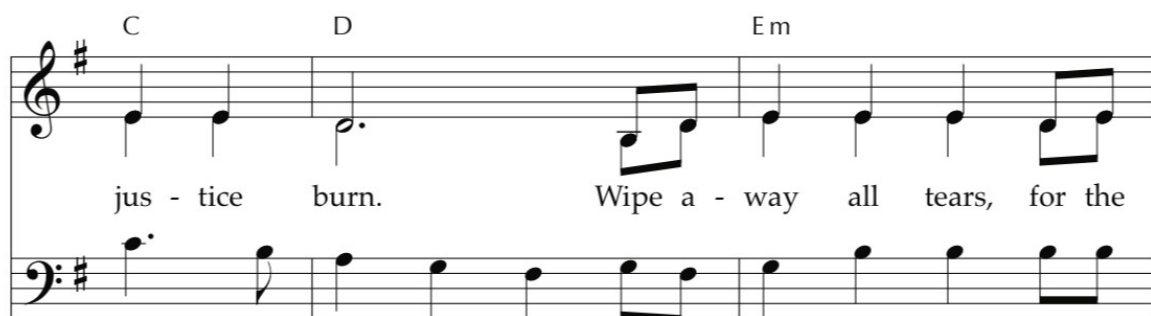
name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain




G D Em

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires



C D Em

jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
 of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



C D Em C Em

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.