



honest advent

November 27, 2022 ♦ 10:30 a.m. ♦ First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

At University UMC, our mission is to live into radical kinship through loving God, serving others and building Christian community. We pray all will find encouragement and spiritual nourishment here as we praise God together this morning.



*Living into Radical Kinship through Loving God, Serving Others and
Building Christian Community*

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GATHERING

Words of Welcome

Please sign our [online attendance pad](#) and visit the [announcements page](#) for more information about upcoming events! If you are unfamiliar with accessing our announcements online, please call the church office to get connected.

Prelude

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

Hymn 720

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Hymn 196

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’”
(Psalm 122:1)

We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

“Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God’s ways and that we may walk in God’s paths’” (Isaiah 2:3).

We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God’s people for the promise to be fulfilled.

Sung Response

Hymn 211, st. 1

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

In Unison

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that,
as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with
joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 139:13-16

(OT, p. 773)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Vulnerability”

The Rev. Justin Coleman

RESPONSE

*Hymn 206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to
the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Sacrament of Baptism

Luke Alexander Brown

Parents: Jordan and Kaitlyn Brown

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Responsively

*...Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and
your commitment to Christ?*

We do.

*Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Luke now
before you in your care?*

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the
example of Christ.**

**We will surround Luke with a community of love and forgiveness, that
he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to
others.**

**We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way
that leads to life.**

*Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the
Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he
descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the
right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Responsively

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

... Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

... to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

... with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Baptism with Laying on of Hands

Responsively

... Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Sung Response

"Away in a Manger"

Hymn 217, st. 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay

close by me forever, and love me, I pray;

bless all the dear children in thy tender care,

and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Prayers of the People

Responsively

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray . . .

The congregation responds to each petition, "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

In Unison

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Our Gifts and God's Tithes

Responsively

God is Good. All the time.

And all the time. God is Good.

Generosity Moment: *You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting "UniversityUMC" to 833-245-5259 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions, or through UniversityUMC.church.*

Offertory

"Advent Carol"

arr. by Philip Dietterich

Chancel Choir

*Doxology, Hymnal, p. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you wish to become a follower of Jesus Christ, a member of University United Methodist Church, or would like for someone to pray with you, we invite you to come forward during the closing hymn and meet the clergy in front of the chancel rail.

*Hymn 203

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

*Benediction

*Postlude

Improvisation

**Please stand if you are able.*

MINISTERIAL STAFF & THOSE SERVING TODAY

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Generosity Moment.....	The Reverend Tobi Nguyen
Advent Candle Lighters.....	Nikki, Chris and Alex Williams

FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brenda Walsh Hutchens by L.H. Hutchens, Lance and Brad.