



Dunbar United Methodist Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

*Our Mission at Dunbar United Methodist Church is to:
Reach the World for Christ; Preach the Word of God;
Teach the Way of Discipleship. Our vision is to be a Church that is
Christ-centered, Spirit-led, and utterly consumed by the mission of God.*

Bolded print is intended to be read aloud by all
* signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

PRELUDE Sharon Cline, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Jarrod Caltrider

CENTERING MUSIC Gary Wooten, Pianist

CENTERING WORDS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Dee Price Childers, Liturgist

We gather together in this place:
prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,
we who dare to imagine a world renewed;
we who dare to dream God's dream.

We proclaim expectation with Isaiah!
God's redemption is near!
Through tears and through trials,
we hold fast to our hope.
Do not fear, for God is faithful.
Our redemption rises with the dawn.

Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.
We have come to wonder and praise!

*OPENING HYMN "God Almighty, We Are Waiting" W&S#3047

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Steve & Nancy Campbell

The birth of Jesus has been told and retold a thousand times and in a thousand ways. Its impact cannot be contained in any one perspective. The element of the story we focus on changes how we hear it, how we imagine it, and how we experience it.

Close your eyes for a moment and imagine the journey of Mary and Joseph. How do they look? They are unaware that their unborn child will catch onto the prophets' visions and challenge the world to

usher in justice, peace, and transformation. What are they dreaming of for their child? What looks are they getting from those nearby?

Open your eyes. We know the world is not always an easy place to welcome new life. And yet, babies are born every day, and new families are formed. What must those moments have been like for Mary and Joseph searching for a place to be? Now, just like then, exhausted expectant parents, far from home, are searching for safe spaces to settle. What must that be like for displaced families today? Now, just like then, faithful families trust that somehow, each seemingly impossible situation will work out. Mary and Joseph held on to hope when their options seemed to be in short supply. It was a hope that things would get better.

We light the candle of hope because hope creates a path for a new, unknown story to unfold.

The first Advent candle is lit.

Sung Response: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" v.1

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5

CHILDREN'S SERMON Lisa Spradling

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37

SERMON "The Will to Dream: Vigilant Hope" Pastor Jarrod

SPECIAL MUSIC Choral Anthem

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#94

*CLOSING HYMN "People, Look East" UMH#202

*BENEDICTION

Announcements

Dunbar Institute Samaritan Center Food Pantry Focus for December is Mac & Cheese. Donations are collected in the narthex at the Ministry Center.

We're collecting non-perishable food items for our community Christmas baskets. Donations can be placed in the Narthex by December 7.

Buddy the Elf says the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear! Join us on Sunday, December 7 for Christmas caroling at local nursing homes around the area. We'll gather at DUMC at 5pm and leave from there together.

Leadership Council Meeting is December 9 at 6:00pm in the library. Everyone is welcome.

The Red Cross is in need of blood and will be having blood drive from noon to 6pm on December 9. If you are able, please come out and support this drive. Also, volunteers are needed, please let Christy Chambers know.

Pastor Jarrod, Breana, and Ella are hosting a Christmas Open House at the parsonage on Sunday, December 14 from 5-8pm. You're welcome to stop by, enjoy some refreshments, and visit during the busy holiday season. We'd love to see you!

St. Paul's United Methodist and First Presbyterian will be joining Dunbar United Methodist on Sunday morning, December 21 to present a "The Saints' & Angels' Song" created by Luke Gambill.

Christmas Eve worship will be December 24 at 8pm. We hope you and your family will consider joining us as we celebrate the joy and hope of Christ's birth.

If you'd like to sign up to sponsor altar flowers for 2026, the calendar is posted on the bulletin board by the Administrative Assistant office. Flowers will be \$30 and can be given in honor or memory if you'd like.

This morning's altar flowers in memory of Helen Tucker and in honor of Steve Hawes and Grace Tucker on their birthday, December 4. Given by Cathy Tucker.

Our worship participants next Sunday, December 7—Liturgist: Bruce Wilson; Children's Sermon: Pastor Jarrod; Ushers: John, Bruce, Keith; Fellowship Time Hosts: Judy Wilson and Terry Boswell.

DUMC Financial Snapshot

Last Week's Offering Total: \$2,982.00

Weekly Offering Goal for Budget: \$4,921

Current Apportionment Payout: \$27,311

Annual Apportioned Amount: \$57,840

Payout Percentage: 47%



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