



Dunbar United Methodist Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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

Bruce Wilson, 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 watch with Malachi and John.

God's peace will soon appear.

The hills and valleys will meet,
and all things will be at rest.

We long for a world restored, renewed.

The fire of God's justice burns in our hearts.

Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.

We have come to wonder and praise.

* OPENING HYMN

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Scott Brogan & Barbara Wimer

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. But who is telling the story changes how we hear it, how we imagine it, how we experience it. We light the candle of hope because hope creates a path for a new, unknown story to unfold.

The first Advent candle is lit.

Close your eyes for a moment. What we often see this side of history in paintings or nativities is a peaceful still life of the blessed family, Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus. Imagine visiting the newborn infant.

Open your eyes. Babies are not always quiet. If something is wrong or they need attention, they cry out regardless of what anyone else is saying or doing. Those around the baby must choose to respond to their cries.

The same is true for injustice. When needs go unmet or injustice occurs, the cries of those affected rise in hopes of being heard by those nearby. A cry is a call for peace. Peace in an unfed belly, peace for safety and security, peace to be clean and have dignity. The infant Jesus broke the silence, crying out to bring peace to the world. Jesus, like Malachi, John, and other prophets before him, calls us in the loudest of cries to peace.

Today, we also light the candle of peace because peace requires us to pay attention to the needs of those around us.

The second Advent candle is lit.

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Malachi 3:1-6

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Jarrod

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

Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON

"The Will to Dream: Prophetic Peace"

Pastor Jarrod

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choral Anthem

HOLY COMMUNION

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* CLOSING HYMN

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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* BENECTION

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, 2025.

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.

Our worship participants next Sunday, December 14—Liturgist: Terry Boswell; Children's Sermon: Helen Southall; Ushers: Chuck Bibbee & Evie Bibbee; Fellowship Time Hosts: Bob & Sharon Cline.

DUMC Financial Snapshot

Last Week's Offering Total: \$7,420.50

Weekly Offering Goal for Budget: \$4,921

Current Apportionment Payout: \$27,311

Annual Apportioned Amount: \$57,840

Payout Percentage: 47%

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