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**December 19, 2025**

### **From the Pastor**

Due to inclement weather last week, we postponed the Christmas pageant which means this Sunday various members of our faith family will share their gifts in worship as we continue our advent journey. This week's theme is *When You are Afraid, Give Me Your Hand*. We will light the love candle and figuratively take one another's hands and that of the Creator as we ponder God's boundless love made flesh in the Christ child.

In preparation for worship, take a deep breath. Pray for fresh perspective to hear the incarnation story anew. Open your heart, mind and spirit to being an incarnate vessel receiving and sharing holy love.

Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel. We are aware of issues with low sound during last week's service and are working to chase away the newest tech gremlins.

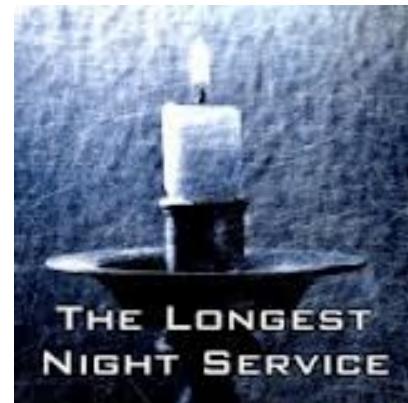
**Peace, Pastor Lisa**

### **PS**

The Community Christmas Service postponed last Sunday is cancelled for this year. There are too many moving parts to reschedule. Mark your calendar now for December 13, 2026!

### **Longest Night Worship Saturday, December 20 @ 7pm**

December 21 is the longest night of the year and reminds us that this festive season isn't joyful for everyone. However, we will gather on December 20th for this special worship service for people who are grieving this holiday season and feel the weight of the darkness not just on the "longest night". Loss of loved ones, of relationships, of jobs, of health, or of many other things can quell our joy during this time of anticipation and celebration. This service will give space for people to acknowledge those feelings while also hearing God's word of hope and healing for all of us. We will also have a time of lighting candles of remembrance for those who have joined "the great cloud



of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). We hope you will share the information about this service with anyone who would be blessed by it.



## Service of Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 28th 10am

Our worship on the first Sunday after Christmas is a service of lessons and carols filled with song and some readings. If you have a favorite

Christmas carol you'd like to sing that morning and/or if you are willing to serve as a reader, please sign up in the narthex or on the [website](#).

### End of the Year Church Office Info

UPC's office will be closed December 24-26 and January 1. Pastor Lisa will be out of town December 25 - December 31. The on call list will be in the prayer update next week.

All financial gifts to the church must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, December 31st in order to be included on your 2025 giving statement. Please contact [Lori Russell](#), Office Administrator, if you have any questions.

#### Schedule for This Week

##### **Third Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 21st**

9am Pageant Run Through  
9:30am Capital Campaign Team Mtg  
10am Worship

After worship  
Pageant Cast Party  
2026 Budget Q&A

##### Monday, December 22nd

9am Yoga

7pm Boy Scouts Troop 805

Wednesday, December 24th  
Church Office Closed

5:15pm Choir Warm Up  
6pm Christmas Eve Worship  
Communion & Candlelight  
8pm AA

##### Thursday, December 25th

Happy Birthday, Jesus!  
Church Office Closed



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

12/19 - Callan Lintelman  
12/20 - Karen Kemp,  
Becky Melchior  
12/21 - Sharen Frost  
12/25 - Holly Hillman  
12/29 - Susie Claflin  
12/31 - Alejandro  
Rosario, Rob Wilcox  
1/7 - Koben Beasley,  
Henry Springer  
1/8 - Dan Kieffer  
1/12 - George Kieffer  
1/22 - Richard Sloan  
1/25 - Sheila Wenstrup  
1/26 - Iris Daniel



#### **Online Giving**

You may give online or via text through the [UPC website](#). You can make a one time gift or set up a recurring gift. You may make a memorial or honorary gift and even pay for youth conferences. The online transaction processes the gift from your checking account, savings account, credit card or debit card and is secured through Global Payment Services which integrates with Servant Keeper, our membership program.

Friday, December 26th  
Church Office Closed

**First Sunday after Christmas**  
**Sunday, December 28th**  
10am Service of Lessons &  
Carols Worship



**ANNIVERSARIES**

12/19 - Kevin & Bethany  
Brewer Ball

1/12 - Javier Sabogal &  
Roxana Rosario

1/14 - Joe & Pat Knipper

UPC does not receive the total amount of your gift due to processing fees. At the end of the transaction, you will be asked if you wish to donate an additional percentage to cover the processing costs.

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