



Welcome!

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF SWISSVALE

“Glorifying God, Healing Lives, and Inspiring Hope”



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Reverend Les A. Scales, Senior Pastor
Sunday, December 21, 2025

“Love”



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” - John 10:9 KJV

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

Psalm 122:1

Order of Worship

10:00 A.M.

December 21, 2025

Celebrating 105 Years of Ministry

Call to Worship	<i>Min. Linda Williams</i>
Scripture Reading	
Prayer of Invocation	
Praise and Worship.....	<i>UBC Voices of Praise</i>
	<i>“Oh, How I Love Jesus” (Page 10)</i>
	<i>“I Really Love The Lord”</i>
	<i>“Jesus Oh What A Wonderful Child”</i>
Welcome	<i>Rev. Jacquelyn M. Lewis</i>
Announcements	
Responsive Reading	<i>Sis. Aimee Thompson</i>
	<i>Mykel Parks</i>
Lighting of the Advent Candle.....	<i>“Go Tell It On The Mountain”</i>
	<i>(Page 66)</i>
Offering Appeal	<i>Rev. Jacquelyn M. Lewis</i>
Congregational Prayer	
Christmas Play (“The Insignificant Star”)	<i>Dr. Lorraine Phillips</i>
	<i>Author</i>
Sermon.....	<i>Pastor Les A. Scales</i>
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	
Song of Invitation	<i>“The Invitation”</i>
Benediction	

RESPONSIVE READING

Scripture Reading – I John 4:9 (NKJV): “In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.”

LEADER: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way.

CONGREGATION: May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

LEADER : May the Love of Christ fill our hearts and minds;

CONGREGATION: May we be found faithful to His commission on the Day of our Lord’s glorious return.



Remember to whisper a prayer for those who are sick; those who are shut in; those who are bound, brokenhearted, or in prison; those who are bereaved; and those who are lost . . . “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” (James 5:16)

- Reverend Ruth Jeffries
- Deacon Rubell Thompson
- Elizabeth “Betty” Shaw Davis
- Yardley Bentley-King
- Kathleen Cannady-Schley
- Juanita Connor
- Lillian Fletcher
- Krystal Fowler
- Rosalie Green
- Pat Kelly
- Samuel Lawrence
- Audrey Nesby
- Deborah Oliver
- Arthur Richardson
- Dolly Richardson
- Trustee Emeritus Eugene Turner
- Darren West

DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

December 2 <i>Min. Ellen Fox</i>	December 28 <i>Eileen Nesby</i>	<i>Derek Martin</i>
December 4 <i>Maria Atkinson</i>	January 27 <i>Jennifer Payne</i>	<i>Janell West</i>
December 5 <i>Sidney Williams</i>	January 2 <i>Rev. Ruth Jeffries</i>	January 27
December 8 <i>Lauran Wilkerson</i>	January 3 <i>Roberta Williams</i>	<i>Harriet Hicks</i>
December 12 <i>Lorraine Phillips</i>	January 4 <i>Adrian Hawkins</i>	<i>Min. Ella C. Scales</i>
December 13 <i>Loretta Reed</i>	January 6 <i>Lisa Chambers</i>	<i>Johnny Smith</i>
December 13 <i>Douglas Adams</i>	January 7 <i>Shana Mason</i>	<i>Aimee Thompson</i>
December 16 <i>Caprice Scott</i>	January 11 <i>Aniyah Woods</i>	January 28
December 19 <i>Arzelia Sledge</i>	January 13 <i>Joeleen Fletcher</i>	<i>Todd Nelson</i>
December 20 <i>Dea. Royce Nesby</i>	January 14 <i>Marquice Scott-Ford</i>	February 8
December 22 <i>Gary Richardson</i>	January 17 <i>Deborah Oliver</i>	<i>David Jones</i>
December 26 <i>Andrea Amoh</i>	January 21 <i>Min. Synthia Sweptson</i>	February 14
December 26 <i>LaVerne Chambers Stotts</i>	January 21 <i>Brown</i>	<i>Shantelle Stotts</i>
		<i>Joanna Ross</i>
		February 25
		<i>Deon Goodlow</i>
		February 27
		<i>Tarina Thomas</i>



If you need a ride to church on Sunday, call the Transportation Ministry Voicemail at 412-440-6908 no later than 6:00 P.M. on Saturday evening. Leave your pickup information and telephone number and a driver will call you to arrange pick up. Please note that the driver is only authorized to drop you off at the same location where you were picked up. No exceptions, please.

The UBC Children's Church in the UBC Annex is open and accepts children from age 2 through age 10. Children should be walking and fully potty trained or engaged in potty training. Volunteers are always welcome. If you want to make a difference in the lives of our children, please sign up to "Volunteer Once A Year." For more details about our children's ministries, please contact Sis. Amber Oliver at 412-600-7687.



The UBC Women's Ministry Bible Study, "Renewing the Heart for Women: Life Principles from the Beatitudes" is currently meeting every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom. ID: 870 7072 2801.

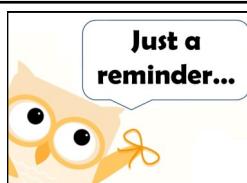
Please contact Min. Danel Payne for more information.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY IS ON HOLIDAY BREAK— Our free online study of II Corinthians will resume via Zoom in January 2026 at 7:00 P.M. Use your computer, your tablet, or your smartphone. **The Zoom ID is 816-0723-7506 and the passcode is 950787.** No book purchase is required.



The UBC Music Workshop welcomes musicians of all levels and ages. Join us in the UBC Annex on Saturdays from 10:00 A.M.— 12:00 P.M. Bring your instrument and learn with veteran music makers. It's free! Contact the Church Office for more information.

Some Reminders - Please remember to turn the lights off if you are the last person leaving the church and ensure the church door is locked. If you use the kitchen stove, please heed the posted warning signs concerning the oven. **Do NOT turn it to "OFF"!** Turning the oven to "Off" extinguishes the pilot light. Always turn the oven directly to "PILOT" when you are done using it **without** turning it to "Off."





The Prison Ministry is looking for new members who have a desire to minister to those who are incarcerated and their families. We are looking for those who want to go into the jail and those who do not want to go into the jail. Meetings are held every fourth Saturday of the month. If you are interested in joining or would like more information about what we do, please contact Sis. Lacy Scales Bland (412-498-9286).

Join The Choir! - If you love to sing and would like to share your gift, the Worship and Celebration Ministry invites you to become a member of the UBC Mass Choir. If you are interested, rehearsals are at 11:00 A.M. every Saturday. For additional information, you may contact any member of the Worship and Celebration Ministry Team or contact the Church Office (412-271-3900).



UBC's Transportation Ministry needs additional drivers! If you have a good driving record and you are interested in becoming a Ministry driver, please contact a Trustee or call the Church Office (412-271-3900) for more information. No Commercial Driver License (CDL) is required. This is a paid position.

Waves of Glory - The Creative Arts Ministry is looking for children and youth who are interested in learning how to worship the Lord through flagging and dancing. Romans 12:1 asks us to "... offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is our true and proper worship." Contact Sis. May Pinnick (412-969-1278) or Min. Danel Payne (412-657-5680).



If you enjoy making people feel welcome and valued, consider joining the Hospitality Ministry Team. Our goal is to provide a warm environment that helps guests fully engage with the Union Baptist Church worship experience. Please contact Sis. Christine Sales (412-773-3653) if you are interested. "When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality" - Romans 12:13 (NLT)

careforyou Tuesdays! Join us for fun, fitness, and fellowship each Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. Grab a friend and let's work out together - all fitness levels are welcome! www.c4ufitness.com.



Sermon Notes

Series: “The People of Advent”

Week Four - “Love” (Jesus)

Sermon: “When Love Shows Up”

Luke 2:21-24, NKJV