



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 28, 2025

"Christ"



Fifth 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."

Psalms 122:1

Order of Worship

10:00 A.M.

December 28, 2025

Celebrating 105 Years of Ministry

Call to Worship *Dea. Donna McClendon*

Scripture Reading

Prayer of Invocation

Praise and Worship *UBC Voices of Praise*
"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"
"I Just Wanna Praise You"

Welcome *Rev. Dr. Juel Smith*

Announcements

Responsive Reading *Min. Danel Payne*

Lighting of the Advent Candle *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Offering Appeal *Rev. Dr. Juel Smith*

Congregational Prayer

Sermonic Selection *UBC Voices of Praise*
"My Response"

Sermon *Min. Ella C. Scales*

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Song of Invitation *"The Invitation"*

Benediction

RESPONSIVE READING

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 9:6 (KJV): “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

LEADER: We have lit candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, reflecting God’s promises. Now we light the Christ Candle, the center of our faith, the source of all these gifts.

CONGREGATION: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, full of grace and truth! (*John 1:14*)

LEADER : The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in deep darkness, light has shined. (*Isaiah 9:2*)

CONGREGATION: We light this candle to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the true Light of the World, who dispels all fear and brings eternal life.

LEADER : For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

CONGREGATION: He came to save us, not to condemn us. He is the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love we've longed for!

LEADER : As we see this light, we are called to share it. Help us, O Christ, to be your hands and feet, your love in action.

CONGREGATION: May your light shine through us, Lord, that all may see your glory and know your saving grace. Amen!

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

Min. Ellen Fox

December 4

Maria Atkinson

December 5

Sidney Williams

December 8

Lauran Wilkerson

December 12

Lorraine Phillips

Lorretta Reed

December 13

Douglas Adams

Weslynn Jones

December 16

Caprice Scott

December 19

Arzelia Sledge

December 20

Dea. Royce Nesby

Gary Richardson

December 22

Andrea Amoh

December 26

LaVerne Chambers Stotts

December 28

Eileen Nesby

Jennifer Payne

January 2

Rev. Ruth Jeffries

Roberta Williams

January 3

Adrian Hawkins

January 4

Lisa Chambers

January 6

Shana Mason

Aniyah Woods

January 7

Joeleen Fletcher

January 11

Marquice Scott-Ford

January 13

Deborah Oliver

January 14

Min. Synthia Sweptson

Brown

January 17

Shantelle Stotts

January 21

Derek Martin

Janell West

January 27

Harriet Hicks

Min. Ella C. Scales

Johnny Smith

Aimee Thompson

January 28

Todd Nelson

February 8

David Jones

February 14

Shari Nowlin

February 15

Dea. Rubell Thompson

February 16

Weldianne Scales

February 19

Joanna Ross

February 25

Deon Goodlow

February 27

Tarina Thomas



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.



**YOUTH
SUNDAY**

January 18, 2026 is the first Youth Sunday of the new year. A repast will be served following the service. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

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 Five - “Christ”

Sermon: “God’s Got Your Six”

Exodus 14:10-20