



# Welcome!

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF SWISSVALE**

*"Glorifying God, Healing Lives, and Inspiring Hope"*



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Sunday, December 7, 2025

## "Peace"



## Second Sunday of Advent



*And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." - Luke 22:19-20, NKJV*

*"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 7, 2025**

**Celebrating 105 Years of Ministry**

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**Call to Worship** ..... *Dea. Robert Russell*

**Scripture Reading**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Praise and Worship** ..... *UBC Voices of Praise*

*"He's Able"*

*"Do You Hear What I Hear"*

**Testimony** ..... *Dr. Lorraine Phillips*

*"Finding Peace in the Storm"*

**Welcome** ..... *Min. Danel Payne*

**Announcements**

**Responsive Reading** ..... *Sis. Lacy Scales Bland*

*Nathan Bland, III*

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** ..... *"Silent Night" (Page 56)*

**Offering Appeal** ..... *Min. Danel Payne*

**Congregational Prayer**

**Sermonic Selection** ..... *UBC Voices of Praise*

*"Speak To My Heart"*

**Sermon** ..... *Pastor Les A. Scales*

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Song of Invitation** ..... *"The Invitation"*

**Communion Service**

**Benediction**

## **RESPONSIVE READING**

**Scripture Reading – Isaiah 9:6-7 (NKJV):** For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

**LEADER:** We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace

**CONGREGATION:** May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

**LEADER:** May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts and minds

**CONGREGATION:** We eagerly await the arrival of the King of Glory.



**R**emember 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
- James McKinnon
- 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 22**

*James McKinnon*

### **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.

**M**ONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY- Rev. Andrews Amoh is leading a free online study of II Corinthians via Zoom 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. It's not too late to join us!



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.

**S**ome 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."





**T**he 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).

**J**oin 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).



**U**BC'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.

**W**aves 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).



**I**f 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](http://www.c4ufitness.com).



## **Sermon Notes**

***Series: “The People of Advent”***

***Week Two - “Peace” (Zechariah)***

***Sermon: “When God Silences You”***

***Luke 1:11-13, 18-20, NKJV***

