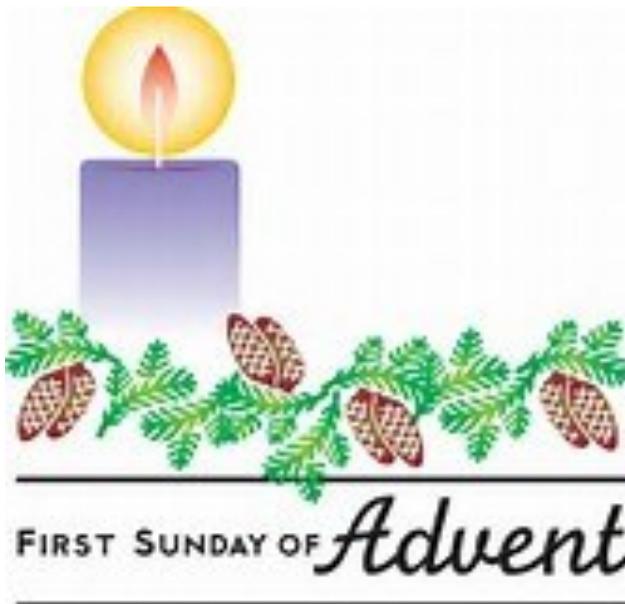


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Sunday, November 27, 2022

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Services are live-streamed on YouTube at: <https://tinyurl.com/upcbuffalo>

1st Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022  
Service for the Lord's Day  
10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

(In order that people may listen to the music or pray in silence without distraction, please refrain from conversation after the music begins and kindly silence all cell phones. Thank you.)

*(Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship. A playroom is available near the sanctuary for young children who are accompanied by their parents.)*

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request which you would like the pastor to include in "Prayers of the People," please fill out the yellow prayer request slip found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate when passed. Ushers will take them from the plate and when the offering is brought forward, hand them to the Pastor.

Prelude "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645" J. S. Bach  
"Wake. for the Night is Flying"

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Heleluyan Native American (Muscogee)  
*In honor of Native American Heritage Month*

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Sign of Peace

One: Where is God?

**All: So much violence, cruelty, hatred, and suffering!  
We need some kind of sign to help us see God.**

One: The prophet Isaiah speaks of such a sign and talks about a time when . . .

**All: "people shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks."**

One: Wherever people lay down their weapons of war, wherever people work for justice, wherever people struggle to forgive or reconcile, there God can be found.

We light this candle today as a sign—a sign of the peace God brings to our hearts and to our world.

+\* Hymn #83 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Merciful God, we sing of your light. Yet, we know darkness. We try to follow your path. Yet, we lose our way. Forgive our lip service, our hypocrisies, and our selfish interests. When others look at us and do not see signs of your love, your justice, your compassion, forgive us. Lead us once again to the path of salvation and the way of your love. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

*(There follows a moment of silent personal confession)*

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, we are given good news: through Jesus Christ, God comes to us with healing, redeeming love.

**All: Emmanuel, God with us, is the sign of God's forgiveness and love. We are new creations in Christ!**

+\* Song of Praise (in unison) (#583 hymnal)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

\*Sharing the Peace and Greetings

*As God's forgiven people we extend the peace of Christ to one another. Worshippers may greet one another with a hand shake, fist bump, or steeped hands saying, "the peace of Christ be with you."*

+\*Sung response (sung to the tune of Hymn 400) (In unison)

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.  
May God's full mercies, bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination (In unison)

**O God, by your Spirit speak to us the words that offer us genuine life and set our feet upon that path. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5 (p. 631 of the OT in pew Bible)

Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44 (p. 27 of the NT in pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Musical Proclamation Praise My Soul The King of Heaven  
Mark Andrews

Sermon "Sweat Equity"

\*Hymn #378 *We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Musical Offering Now Thank We All Our God arr. Michael Rosewall

Doxology (Hymn 592) **(In unison)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication of Offering

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

.....(*concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn #106 *Prepare the Way*

\*Benediction

Postlude "Toccatina on the Gregorian Hymn" P. A. Yon  
"Creator alme siderum"  
"Creator of the Starry Heights"

*(The congregation is invited to remain seated during the Postlude)*

\*congregation may stand  
+latecomers may be seated

Participating in Worship: The Rev. Tracy S. Daub, Pastor  
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Gladys Gifford, Liturgist

Greeters: Val Macer, Tom Somerville  
Live streamer: David Bartley

*Next Sunday:*

*Liturgist: Dennis Erickson*

*Greeters: Val Macer, Tom Somerville*

*Live streamer: Val Macer*

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## DECREE

Sunday, Nov. 27	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday, Nov. 28	9:30 am	Zoom Adult Ed
	1:30 pm	Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist Church
Tuesday, Nov. 29	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Dec. 1	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday, Dec. 2	5:30 pm	Taize
Saturday, Dec. 3	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
Sunday, Dec. 4	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour

**Advent Taize Service  
Friday, December 2  
5:30-6 p.m.**

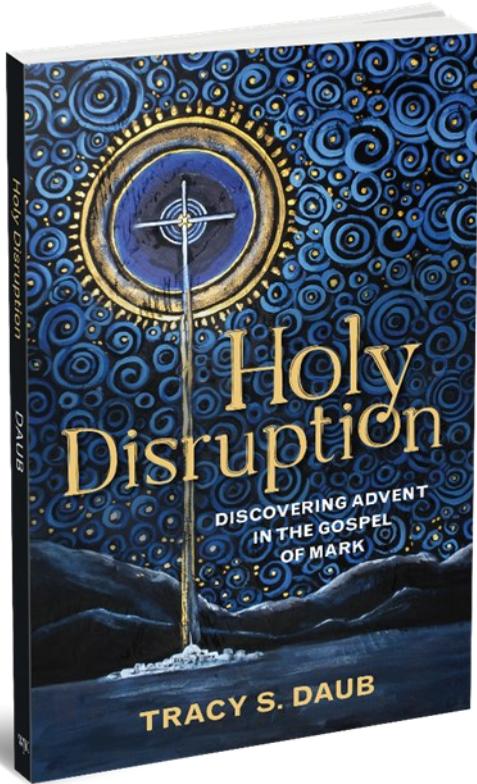
Former UPC Minister of Music, John Novak, returns to lead a special Advent Taize service. John will be accompanied by many of the musicians we have enjoyed from previous Taize services.

Enter a time of quiet contemplation, beautiful music, the glow of candlelight, and a rare opportunity to savor silence in the midst of a busy and often noisy season.

All are welcome!

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT CAMPAIGN**

The focus of this Advent's Alternative Christmas Gift Campaign will be on Education and Empowerment for Women and Girls, as offered through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. From 11/27 to 12/18, there will be a table in the narthex where you can make a donation and receive a card or cards (designed by Janet Mazzaroppi) to let friends or loved ones know you have made this gift in their honor. Or you may simply make a donation. Any amount is welcome!



## JOIN US FOR A STUDY SERIES BASED ON

*Holy Disruption*, by Tracy S.  
Daub

Mondays beginning Nov. 28 – Dec. 19

9:30 a.m. via Zoom

Join us on Zoom each Monday in Advent for a discussion of the corresponding chapter in the book. Each chapter stands alone, so feel free to attend whenever you are able!

The Zoom link is emailed each week. Books are available online through Amazon, Westminster John Knox press, or Barnes and Noble.

The Gospel of Mark doesn't have a nativity story—so where's the Advent message? It's in every aspect of Jesus' life, to his death and beyond. The Incarnation—God come to earth in human form to be baptized, teach, heal, eat, and die—is what we celebrate at Christmas, and Mark shows us just how radical and celebration-worthy it is! *Holy Disruption* presents a fresh understanding of the holiness of Christmas grounded, not in a conventional cozy Christmas message, but through Mark's disquieting gospel which invites its readers to experience God's disruptive but transformative love for us and our world.

This year our church will use the season of Advent to facilitate conversation and connection to each other and the meaning of this time in the church year.

## **Welcome Visitors**

University Presbyterian Church (UPC), its members and officers, welcomes you today. Your presence strengthens our faith and our commitment as Christ's disciples.

University Presbyterian Church welcomes all who seek to follow the Way of Jesus—the way of compassion and justice—regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification. Moreover, UPC does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in celebrating the rites of marriage.

### **University Presbyterian Church Officers and Staff**

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### **Mission Statement of University Presbyterian Church**

We are a hungry people who receive Christ, the Bread of Life, who sustains us on our journey. We strive to feed as we are fed, sharing the Bread to nourish others in body, mind and spirit.

**“Let Us Be Bread”**