

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

137 S Garfield Ave., Hinsdale, IL 60521 • United Church of Christ



UCH Music Ministry
Presents

Shall I Rejoice

CHRISTMAS MUSIC SUNDAY

Chancel Choir, Union Bells, Cantate,
Children's Chimes, WE, and Chamber Orchestra

Dec | 15 | 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Advent

What are we all about at Union Church?
Living lives of love for God and all people.

You are welcome here!



A GATHERING IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE 8TH DAY OF CREATION

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

PRELUDE *O Come, All Ye Faithful* John F. Wade

WELCOME Grant Glowiak

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

INTROIT *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
Children's Chimes

* **LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH** The Knight Family

Leader: No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming kin-dom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). With joy you will remember that God's salvation is already present among us.

People: **Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.**

Leader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

* **HYMN # 139** *The First Nowell*
Stanzas 1 & 2

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of today and tomorrow, when Mary was pregnant and afraid, she ran to her cousin Elizabeth's house. Elizabeth threw open the door with joy and showered blessings upon her. How often do we have that same opportunity? How often do we leave the door locked, the curtains drawn, and the lights off? How often do we shower critique or judgment instead of blessings and joy? Gracious God, forgive us for our wrongs. We want to see you when we see our neighbor. Amen.

* **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

* **GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end: Amen! Amen!*

LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

ANTHEM *Mary Did You Know?* arr. Hakes
Union Bells • Becca Anderson – Harp

Night of Silence arr. Ward
Union Bells • Elizabeth Jung – Director • Mike Surratt – Guest Director

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Dan Woodle

SCRIPTURE*Luke 1:46-55*

Laurie McMahon

ANTHEM*Christmas Is Coming*
Union Bells • Cantate

Joel Raney

Star-Led and Wonder Bound
Cantate • Ginger Terlep - Director

Mary Kay Beall

PRAYER ENDING WITH PRAYER WE LEARNED FROM JESUS

Robb Knuepfer

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 & forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, & the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY*Christmas Hallelujah*
WE • Cole Dziedzic - Solo

At this time, please sign & pass the Attendance Sheets – they help us care for members & welcome visitors.

For e-giving, head to www.hinsdale.church. Tap 'Menu,' then select the 'Live Generously' tab, and tap 'Make a Contribution.' Or text "GIVEUCH" to 73256. Thanks for giving to the life & work of Union Church!

*** DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God for all that love has done!
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.***

*** PRAYER OF GRATITUDE****ANTHEM*****Magnificat***

Taylor Scott Davis

Chancel Choir • Dei Nikoi – Soprano

Violin - Sam Battista and Queenie Edwards • *Viola* - Rebecca Miller • *Cello* - Ethan Clay
Bass - Ben Dillinger • *Flute* - Katarina Ignatovich • *Oboe* - Hannah Fusco • *Clarinet* - Emily Manheimer
Bassoon - Lamar Curtis • *Harp* – Jordan Thomas • *Timpani* – Kyle Scully

1. Magnificat Anima Mea

My soul magnifies the Lord. And my spirit has rejoiced in God my savior.

For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for behold,
henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he who is mighty has done great things to me; and holy is his name.

2. Shall I Rejoice

Shall I rejoice for Christ in me, the first of such to say? All that this child shall ever say or be now lives and grows in me. Shall I rejoice for Christ in me, his name forever mine? I yield to him my life's identity; Christ lives and grows in me. Shall I rejoice for Christ in me, both glory and disgrace? My song shall be both joy and agony; Christ lives and grows in me. Shall I rejoice for Christ in me, as clouds and shadows rise?

I ponder scenes that I don't want to see. Christ lives and grows in me.

3. Et Misericordia

And his mercy is on them who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud, even the arrogant of heart.

4. *Deposuit*

He has deposed the mighty from their seats, and exalted the humble. The hungry he has filled with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy.

As it was spoken to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.

5. *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

*HYMN # 125

Angels We Have Heard on High

BENEDICTION

REPRISE

FLOWERS – Today's flowers are in loving memory of Abby Lombardi's parents, Aileen & Paul Jensen.

STAFF AND WORSHIP LEADERS

*(h = he/him/his, s = she/her/hers, t = they/them/theirs)**

Associate Minister – Grant Glowiak (h/t)	Dir. of Audio & Visual Media – Adam Nakutis (h)	<u>Section Leaders</u>
Associate Minister – Robb Knuepfer (h)	Dir. of Handbells – Elizabeth Jung (s)	Jess Koehn (h)
Dir. of Christian Education – Penny Johnson (s)		Coleman Dziedzic (h)
Dir. of Music and Worship – Stephen C Edwards (h/t)		Dei Nikoi (s)
		Tierra Whetstone-Christian (s)
Ushers – Sharon Bodziak, Vicky Hurst, Laurie McMahon, and Maria Coyne		Trap Set – Kalyan Pathak (h)
	Guitars – Andrew Sudhibhasilp (h) and James Lang (h)	
* Go to https://tinyurl.com/ymabnh5t for a guide to gender identity terms		Bass – Ben Dillinger(h)

MUSIC MINISTRY

STEPHEN C EDWARDS – DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP • OLLIE TOWNSEND – ORGANIST

COLE DZIEDZIC – 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP LEADER • ELIZABETH JUNG – DIRECTOR OF HANDBELLS

GINGER TERLEP – DIRECTOR OF CANTATE • ELIZABETH JUNG AND MATT KILENS – DIRECTORS OF CHILDREN'S CHIMES

CHANCEL CHOIR

SOPRANOS

Dei Nikoi*
Nancy Sullivan
Kathy Eisel Intorcias
Meg Moran
Claudia Moffat
Lucy Tarabour
Joeann Roschlein
Janet Birchenough

ALTOS

Tierra Whetstone-Christiani*
Kathy Anderson
Connie Riemer
Kate Weil
Julie Moser

TENORS

Cole Dziedzic*
David Scott
Bruce Koehn

BASSES

Jess Koehn*
John Jacus
Andy Johnson

CANTATE!

Kathy Eisel
Claudia Moffat
Connie Riemer
Lorelei Collins
Kathy Anderson
Lucy Tarabour
Ginger Terlep

UNION BELLS

Elizabeth Jung
Leah Tarabor
Heather Hester
Kathy Eisel
Stephanie Ley
Diane Oostendorp
Fran Evans
Diana Brann

Connie Riemer
Kathy Anderson
Wendee Greene
Becca Anderson
Lolly Patterson
Chloe Banda
Matt Kilens

WE

Ollie Townsend – keyboard
Andrew Sudhibhasilp - Guitar
Ben Dillinger – Bass
Kalyan Pathak – Percussion
Dei Nikoi - Vocals
Tierra Whetstone-Christian – Vocals
Cole Dziedzic - Vocals
Jess Koehn – Vocals
Nancy Sullivan – Vocals
Stephen C Edwards – Vocals

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We won't have Sunday school this Sunday, so the children can fully enjoy the sounds of the season. As always, we welcome children & their joyful energy in our worship services. You may ask the ushers for a red activity bag & feel free to use the Narthex (through the glass doors under the balcony) for extra space if you/your child wants to move around during service.

WE'D LOVE TO SEE & DISPLAY YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Please include Union Church (137 S. Garfield, Hinsdale, IL 60521) on your mailing list this year and count us among your family and friends. We will display all the cards that we receive on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place for the congregation to enjoy together and be reminded of our connections, friendships and shared life here together at UCH over the winter season.

CANTANTE!

A performance sure to bring you Christmas joy! They will be performing locally at King-Bruwaert House Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. and Oak Trace Monday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

NEW PASTOR SURVEY A SUCCESS!

Listening Sessions Coming in January!

Many thanks to those who took the time to submit 179 surveys! This was an important first step in understanding the congregation's vision for the church and traits we seek in our next senior pastor. Survey responses are being analyzed by the Discovery Team and will help determine the questions presented at our upcoming Listening Sessions in January.

The Listening Sessions will be small gatherings of 6-12 people where we will each offer thoughts in response to a handful of questions. It is important that we hear many points of view from all generations. The January meeting days and times are being finalized, so please be watching for a link we will be circulating soon to sign up!



Christmas Season @ UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

Sundays throughout Advent
Family Worship @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel
Worship-for-All @ 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

- DEC 15 10:00 a.m. Christmas Music Sunday
- DEC 22 10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
- DEC 24 4:00 p.m. Worship | Friends & Family-Friendly
7:35 p.m. Alumni Bells
8:00 p.m. Worship | Lessons & Carols

Everyone welcome. No exceptions!
Sunday School and nursery Sunday School is offered during the weekly 10:00 a.m. worship. We also welcome the joyful energy of children during the service!



LIGHTED MAGNIFIERS AVAILABLE DURING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Beginning this Sunday, we will have lighted magnifier lenses available at the usher stand near the Gathering Place doors. Feel free to pick one up to use during the service (and/or access our bulletins on the church web site via your phone so you can expand the size or light based on what is best for you.)

DON'T MISS A THING!

Keep up with all our upcoming events by following us on Facebook & Instagram and subscribing to our weekly newsletter.

Head over to www.hinsdale.church, and click on the 'Connect' button for more info!

RESTROOMS

To find the gender-neutral restroom, exit through the main doors of the Sanctuary into The Gathering Place. Follow the glass doors on your left until a hallway opens on your left. It is a few steps down that hallway on your right.

We also have larger gendered restrooms through the main doors and to your right, off The Gathering Space - complete with changing tables on the lower and main levels.

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Needed to
meet 2024
budgeted
plan/offering

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING



HCS family services
EMPOWERING FAMILIES. CHANGING LIVES.
TOGETHER WE THRIVE.
Since 1937

The Christmas Offering of Ministry for Change this year is for our local partner agency HCS Family Services. HCS Family Services is a compassionate not-for-profit organization which has been serving 360 neighbors weekly in need since 1937. Their work is to prevent food insecurity and create an improved quality of life for the people we serve and their families.

As a nonprofit, HCS Family Services is dependent upon the generosity of food and financial donations and the manpower of more than 400 volunteers to support its mission. Last year, local retail partners donated 400,000+ pounds of food through the Food Rescue program to stock the food pantries. There are many opportunities to volunteer during the week on the website.

For every \$1.00 donation the pantry can purchase \$8 in groceries. Please give generously to help the families who need food support. Also, paper and plastic grocery bags are collected in the bin inside the north entrance.

For more info or to volunteer visit the HCS website: <https://www.hcsfamilyservices.org/>. To donate towards our Christmas offering, please visit our webpage, [hinsdale.church](https://www.hinsdale.church), click on the 'Live Generously' tab, then select 'Make a Contribution.' After hitting the 'Donate' button, find and select "Christmas Offering-HCS Family Services" on the dropdown menu. You may also send in a check made out to the church and put "Christmas Offering" in the memo line. For both online or check, if you want to split amounts between the church and HCS Family Services, just put that in the memo line on the giving page or on the check.

CARE MINISTRY

We're Here for You

We are creating a new ministry at Union Church: The Care Ministry. We are elevating the former, long serving Care Team to a Ministry at Union Church to demonstrate the importance we all place on offering compassion, time and support to home bound church members and people who are in need. This is even more important in this holiday time and in this time of transition. Pastor Robb Knuepfer will be our Pastoral Care Advisor. Adding a new Ministry will be voted on at our Annual Meeting, January 26th.



The mission of the Care Ministry is to offer compassion, time and support to church members in need.

If you need support, please contact Adriana in the Church office (you will be directed to the right person)
630-590-6689 or AKieffer@uchinsdale.org

In an Emergency, contact our Pastoral Care Ordained Minister Rev. Robb Knuepfer
312-927-8913 or rknuepfer@uchinsdale.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A GREAT WAY TO GIVE: GIFTING APPRECIATED STOCK

Making a gift of appreciated stock can be a great way to support the church financially, either to fulfill your “pledge” for the year, or to make an additional donation. The benefits to the member include avoiding capital gain taxes, getting a charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the stock on the day of the gift, and satisfying pledges or making donations without any out-of-pocket cash payments. Union Church of Hinsdale maintains a brokerage account for the convenience of members who choose to fulfill their pledges by gifting shares of appreciated stock. Find a link in the weekly email for FAQ’s.

You can also call or email our bookkeeper Ann Gleason agleason@uchinsdale.org for additional help.

RUDOLPH’S BOUTIQUE: THANK YOU

The Children’s Committee thanks all who helped set-up, donate, assist shoppers and provided the magic of Santa at this past weekend’s Rudolph’s Boutique. We helped over 60 young shoppers experience the gift of giving this season. Our boutique had been experiencing more and more families shopping in recent years and we appreciate all the help in making such a fun morning happen!

STAFF CHRISTMAS OUTING



Our staff enjoyed some friendly holiday competition with a few games of mini golf at Putt Shack this week. We won’t disclose who the big victors were (or weren’t) but we all feel like winners getting to work with people we enjoy so much, in a job full of purpose and for a church that we all feel connected to. A big thank you and Merry Christmas from all of us behind-the-scenes who keep many things going at UCH....(and look for our staff card arriving in your mailboxes within the next week).

We are sad a few could not make it, but we know Robb, Adam, Sherry, Elizabeth and Jennifer were there in spirit.



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SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 5, 2025

10:00 a.m.

GUEST
PREACHER:
REV. SHERNELL
EDNEY STILLEY



NEED SOMETHING ANNOUNCED IN THE BULLETIN, MIDWEEK EMAIL, OR ONLINE?

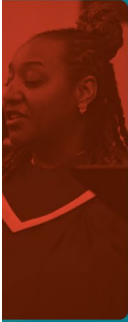
Send your text to communications@uchinsdale.org. Subject line "Email Blast."

NEED A MEETING SPACE?

If a committee, ministry, or group needs to use one of our rooms, please contact Adriana Kieffer, akieffer@uchinsdale.org.

UNION CHURCH EXPLORES

THE THEOLOGY OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP



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WINTER SERMON SERIES | SUNDAYS @ 9 + 10 A.M.



UCECP AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MITTEN TREE

We are collecting **new** mittens, hats & scarfs for our mitten tree at the top of the main stairs. Your donations will help support the children of our Mission Ministries. UCECP families can send their donations with their child, and they will personally place their items on the tree. Members & friends of UCH, you may also place your items on the tree or bring them to Adriana in the church office to place on the Mitten Tree. Thank you for helping to spread kindness and warmth during this winter season!

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP FOR FAMILIES WITH LITTLE ONES

This family-friendly service in the chapel embraces the busy energy of young children. It is held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in our Chapel with wonderful live guitar and piano. In fact, you'll usually find a familiar face leading the worship music: Cole! Cole led this year's VBS and also teaches the UCECP music class. We embrace movement and busy curious little minds at this 25 – 30 minute service. While it is designed as a teaching opportunity and introduction to Christian worship for young children, we welcome anyone of any age or family stage.

Union Church is a *thinking church.*

Together we ask questions and explore the world beyond ourselves. We aim to grow in kindness and generosity with ***all people.***

