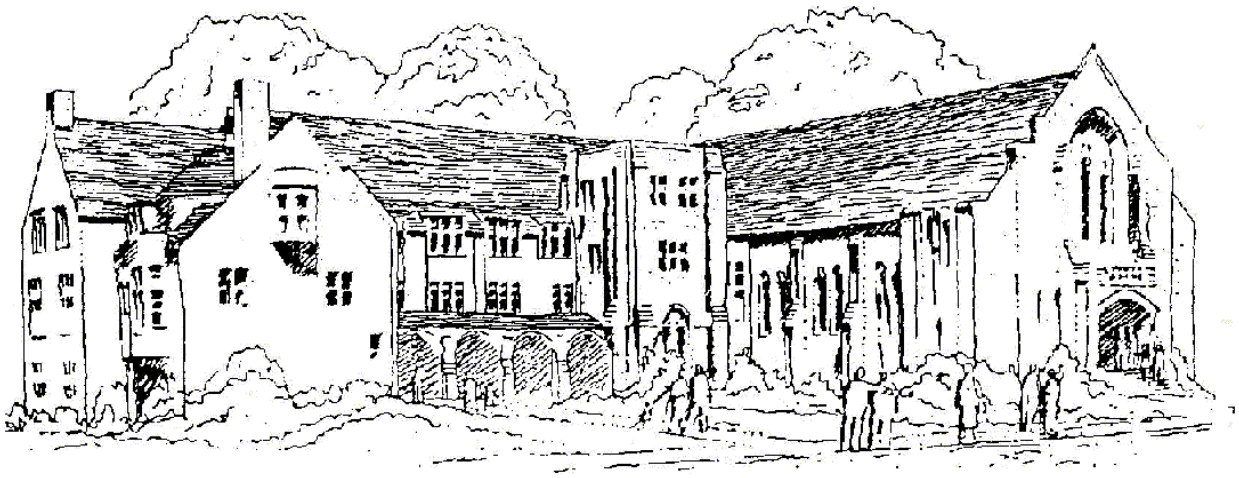
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Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." Therefore, this place of sanctuary is free of violence in all its forms, including verbal violence and firearms. University Baptist Church is a member of the American Baptist Churches/USA, the Alliance of Baptists, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. Our intention at University Baptist Church is to use inclusive language in our worship.

Let us acknowledge the land beneath our building that is home and community and life, that is the sacred homeland of the Dakota people. Together let us acknowledge the displacement that occurred, and let us ask the Spirit of God to guide us as we work to repair the harm it has caused and to create a future of greater justice.

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University Baptist Church

November 29, 2026 ***Advent I*** **10:00 am**

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome!
¡Bienvenidos a la casa de Dios! Добро пожаловать! Dobro pozhalovat! 欢迎！ Huānyíng!
「ようこそ！」 Youkoso! Willkommen! Bienvenu!

PRELUDE ***Savior of the Nations, Come*** Zachau

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: While those in power count their wealth and draw borders across the map,
Many: We gather to look for the sacred in the overlooked.
One: When those in power only like those who look, think, and believe like them,
Many: We gather to look for the sacred in the overlooked.
One: When the rich demand compliance and see room in the system only for the powerful,
Many: We make room here for the marginalized, the tired, and the seeking.
One: Come, let us worship the God who enters the world from the bottom up.
Many: Let us open our doors, our tables, and our hearts.
One: Give us the courage and the strength to keep on keeping on as we fight for the ones who do not look or think or act or love like those who have power.
All: God give us the strength to live into your love for all.

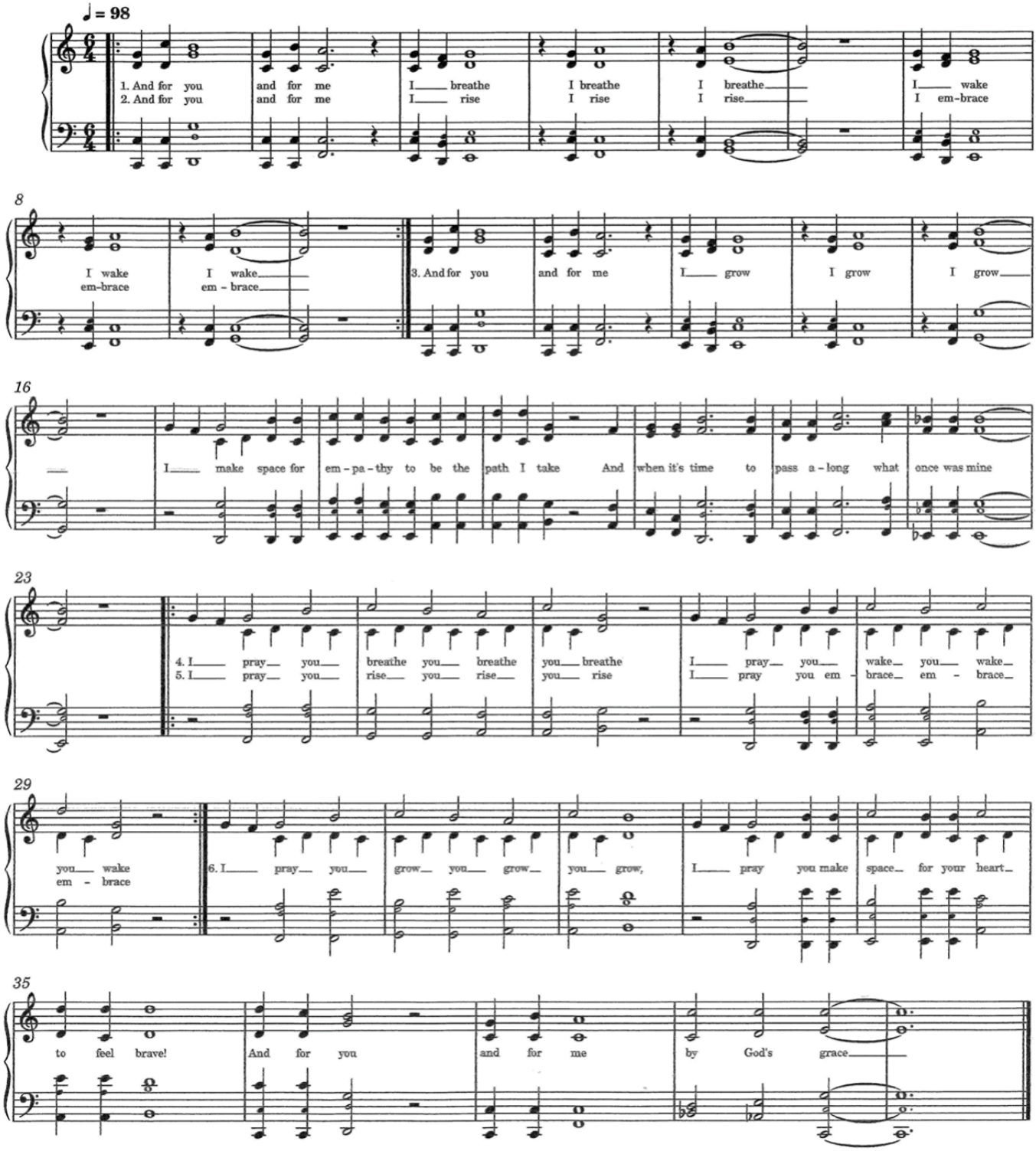
*(*Stand as you are willing and able)*

*OPENING HYMN ***And for You And for Me*** Elwyn Fraser

And For You And For Me

a hymn to pass along the proverbial torch

Singalong Notes
As able, deeply reflect on discipleship as you sing
As able, sing treble clef down one octave
- Elwyn Alexander Fraser Junior

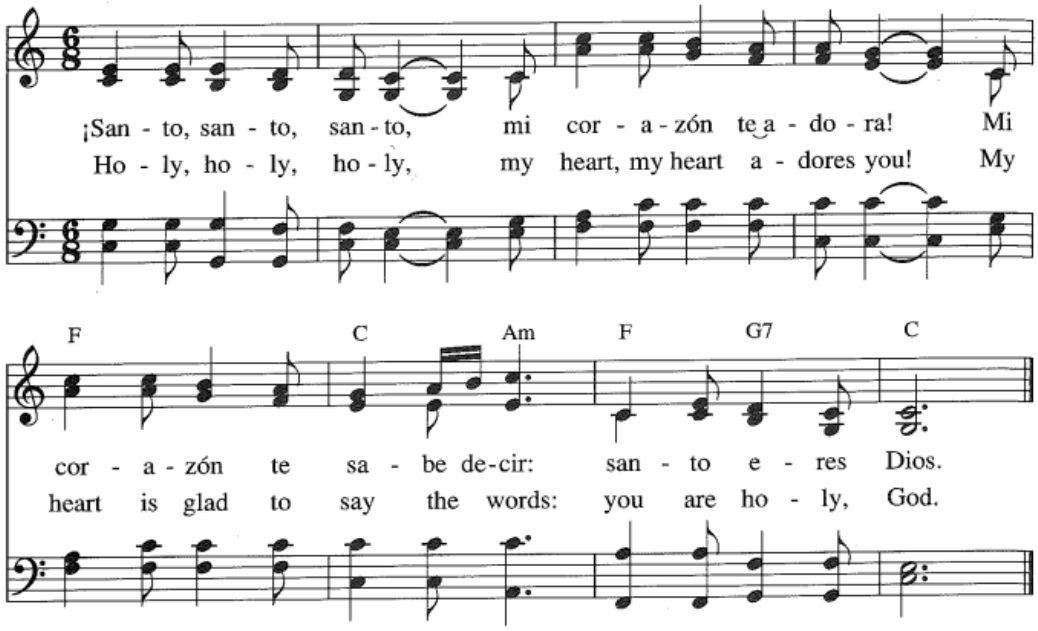


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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace Be With You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Mir vam! Pace!
愿和平与你同在 yuàn hé píng yú nǐ tóng zài
「平和がありますように！」Heiwaga arimasu youni!



CELEBRATING CHILDREN

Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to join in the children's time during the singing of "Santo, santo, santo." After this time, they can exit to the left for children's Sunday school or return to sit with their adults.

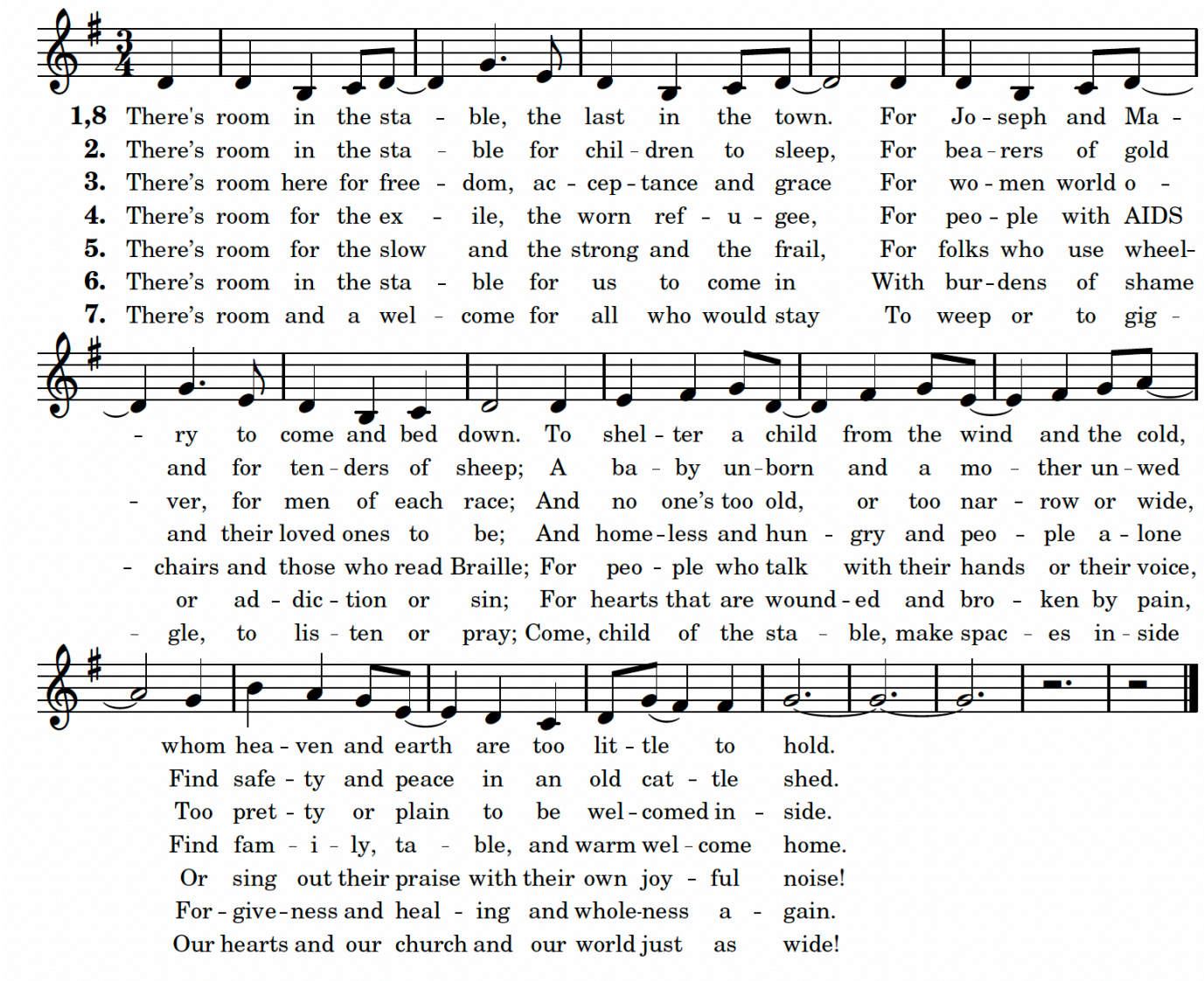
ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

SERMON The Innkeeper Pam O'Hara

BRIEF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN ***Room in the Stable*** Corinne Cavanaugh



PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, we honor you, and we honor all that you have made. Renew the world in the image of your love. Give us what we need for today, and a hunger to see the whole world fed. Strengthen us for what lies ahead; heal us from the hurts of the past; give us courage to follow your call in this moment. For your love is the only power, the only home, the only honor we need, in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

GIVING BACK FOR GOD'S WORK

OFFERING

We welcome your financial support of the mission and ministry of University Baptist Church. You can give conveniently on our webpage www.ubcmn.org or, if you want to avoid processing fees, you can mail a check to University Baptist Church - 1219 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. You can also set up a direct payment from your bank (it's free). Or you can put your offering (marked in an envelope or on your check) in the offering plate. Thank you for your support. See below for mission offerings.

OFFERTORY ***Let the Clouds Rain Down*** Charles Giffen

Let the clouds rain down the Just One,
and the earth bring forth a Savior.
The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament showeth God's handiwork.
Let the clouds rain down the Just One,
and the earth bring forth a Savior.

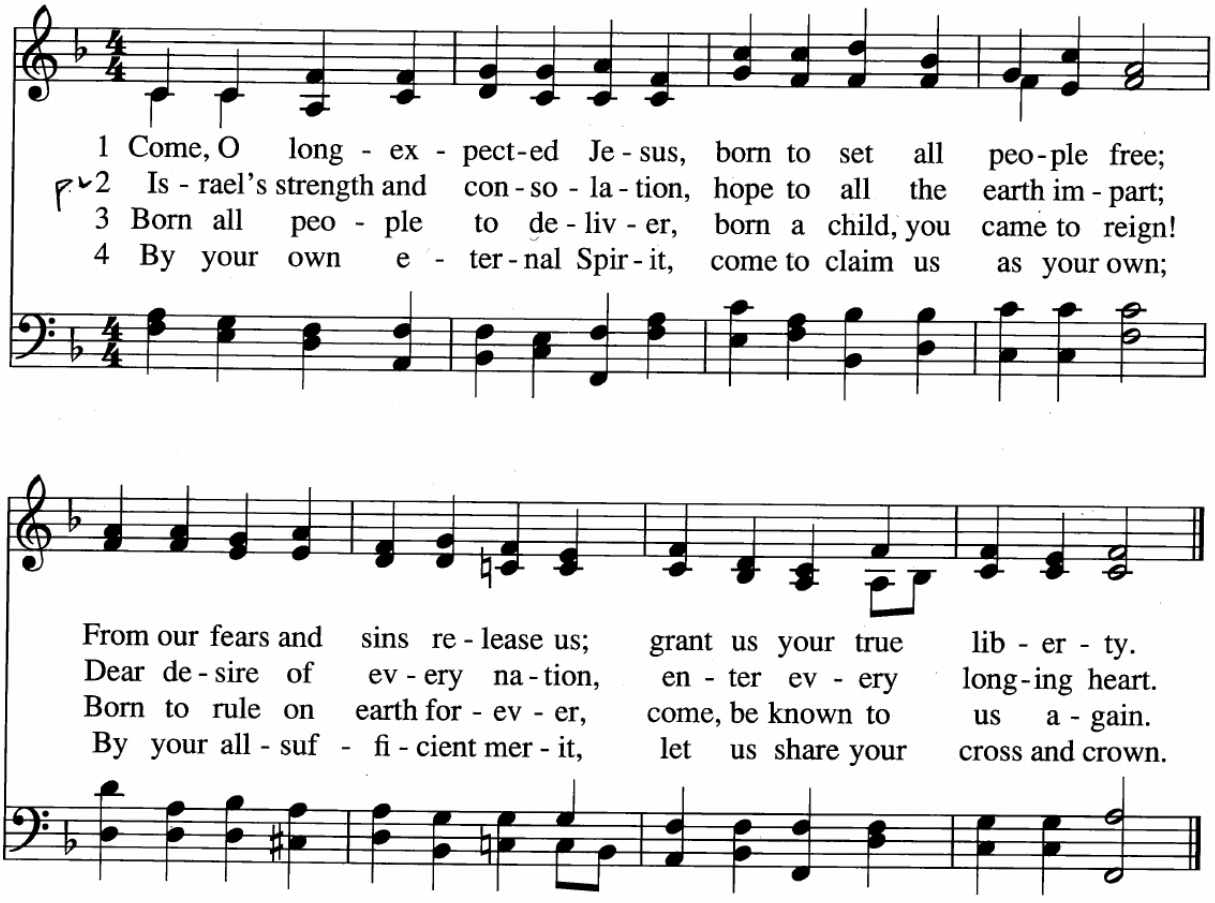
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess our faith by following in the way of Jesus who said:
"The Spirit of God is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of God's favor."
—Luke 4:18-19

*CLOSING HYMN ***Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*** STUTTGART
New Century #122

Come, O Long-Expected Jesus 122

Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.



Charles Wesley, the brother of John, was one of the students known as "Methodists" at Oxford University. He wrote hymns for every occasion. This is from his small collection Hymns for the Nativity.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
Melody attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660–1716)
from Psalmodia Sacra, *Gotha, 1715*
Alternate tune: IN BABILONE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ***Savior of the Nations, Come*** Pachelbel

If this is your first time at UBC, know that we value holding one another in prayer.
Please feel free to join in the line to share with the congregation the prayers that are on your heart, or pray alongside us in the pew.
However, as the announcements and communal prayer time can sometimes be lengthy,
please know that you will not cause a disturbance if you need to slip out after the postlude.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements are invited from the congregation. Please line up beside the pulpit.

JOYS AND CONCERNS (*These will not be livestreamed.)*

Please state your prayers briefly to God so that the congregation can pray with you.
As God knows all the particulars of the situation, you do not need to share every detail with the congregation.
Simply state the prayers of your heart, ending with, **"This is my prayer to God."**
The congregation responds, **"God, hear our prayer."**

Please join in a time of coffee and refreshments down the hall to your left after the service!
If you need a ramp, you'll find one on the right side of the sanctuary beside the pulpit, or you can exit by the front door and take the elevator, which is accessible outside under the portico.

GET TO KNOW OUR GUEST PREACHER:
I'm Pam. I just turned 30 on November 8th, and I enjoy creating content for my social media channels. I am a huge service dog advocate, as I have Mazikeen, my own service dog who will be by my side for the sermon. I think that's a first! I also go to the Global Pet Expo to represent the service dog community in Minnesota as well as different disability groups within the metro area. I used to teach Sunday school, so this has been a big leap of faith for me.

NOTES ON THE MUSIC:
The prelude and postlude offer two very different interpretations of this standard advent hymn. The prelude is in four sections, each devoted to a different line of the hymn. Within each section, the melody is presented successively in each voice—soprano, alto, tenor, bass (though the order varies from section to section)—accompanied by a more florid ornamentation in the other voices. It's almost as if the composer is suggesting the Savior is indeed for all, not just for some.

Pachelbel's interpretation is quite different. His piece begins with a robust fugue on the first line of the melody, followed by a statement of the entire chorale in the pedals while the upper voices accompany it with a toccata-like figuration. — David

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER

The Outreach mission focus for November and December will support organizations and ministries serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community. In recognition of the increased need for shelter, resources, and support during the colder winter months, we will be contributing toward organizations such as People Serving People, Agate Housing and Services, and other local organizations working to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Through these contributions, we hope to offer care, dignity, and practical support to our neighbors in need during the Christmas season. Thank you for any assistance you can provide in supporting these important ministries and helping us extend our care and welcome to others. You can drop your gift in the offering with a note on the check or envelope, send a check to the church, designate a gift directly from your bank, or use our online portal for giving on the UBC website, www.ubcmn.org/giving. Thank you for your ongoing support of outreach!

UBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our newsletter at ubcmn.org/newsletter for Zoom links and more info.

Patrick Mavity's Last Day

We wish a fond farewell to Patrick as he begins his retirement and ends his time at UBC. Patrick began working here 25 years ago, starting as janitor and retiring this month as property manager. His knowledge of our building is unparalleled and we are grateful for his service over the years. While we know the building is in good hands with our new building manager (more on this subject soon!), we will miss Pat's steady hand and hard work. Please join us in the lounge after worship to wish him well on his retirement journey.

Book Featuring UBC on the Cover

A book was published recently with a photo of UBC on the cover — Aspiring to Antiracism: The Pursuit of Racial Justice in White Progressive Churches. It's by the three sociologists who are part of the Alliance of Baptists Thrive initiative, and who visited UBC on All Saints last year. It's available to order online, if you would like a copy.

Today

No forum; instead, enjoy an extended coffee time to celebrate Pat's retirement and visit the Holiday Bazaar, open 11am-1pm!

This Week

Meals on Wheels, Tuesday-Friday, 11:15am.

Sacred Harp, Tuesday, 5:30pm in Room 303.

UBC/FCC Daytime Handcraft Group, Wednesday, 11am at FCC.

Caregiver Support Group, Thursday, 6:30pm, on Zoom.

Choir & Carillon Bells Rehearsals on Wednesday – Chorale rehearsal 6pm, Carillon Bells rehearsal 7:30pm.

Bible Study, Saturday, 9am, on Zoom.

Coming Up

Second Holiday Bazaar, this time at FCC: Sunday, December 13, 11am-1pm
First Congregational has invited UBC to join its traditional Holiday Bazaar before Christmas where individuals can sell their artisan products (knitting, sewing, cards, canning, artwork, etc.). If you have questions, please contact Xan Laurence (xanlaurence@comcast.net) or Jean Lubke (jeanlubke01@gmail.com).

This year's Cookie Baking Party will be Sunday, December 13, after church. Each family brings some chilled cookie dough and/or pre-baked cookies that need icing. The kids prep and decorate the cookies and the grown-ups help bake them. Families take home a plate of cookies and we leave some for the next coffee hour! While big kids will do most of the decorating, babies are heartily welcomed and can shake sprinkles on cookies!

Volunteer Opportunities

Nursery Volunteers – It is important to have two people in the nursery to care for the kids. UBC tries to staff with hired folks, but it is a struggle. We could use a group of UBC members who are willing to volunteer in the nursery. Volunteers will be paired with a paid staff member. We need help on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. If you are interested, contact Megan Dahlberg at gunnar@umn.edu.

Meals on Wheels – UBC participates in Meals on Wheels on Tues-Fri of the first full week of the month. Meals are picked up around 11:15am, and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes 1-2 hours. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrance46@gmail.com.

Ushers Needed! We could use a couple more ushers. It's easy! Just arrive at 9:30am, greet people at the door, hand them a bulletin, take offering, and help visitors if needed. Commitment of approximately one Sunday every 4-6 weeks. See Chris Follett if interested.