

**November 24, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

United Christian Church of Austin

## **-- GATHERING --**

**PRELUDE**

Nick Jimenez, *Accompanist*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

*(See pages 10–11 for printed announcements.)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lynette Alcorn, *Liturgist*

One: Friends and Family in Christ,  
we gather this Sunday before the country's day of Thanksgiving,  
on the threshold of Advent,  
to share a meal, to tell our story, and to worship together.

All: We gather beside the One  
who forms the rhythm of our lives  
the One who is present in the beginning  
and ending of each day, each season,  
the One who is alive at table, in our work, and in our dreams.

One: May we recognize God here in this place, at this time, and with us  
as we leave.

All: May we find God in the music and wonder.

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"God Is Truly with Us"**

The New Century Hymnal #68, vv. 1, 2

1 God is truly with us;  
sing we and adore now:  
praise the One we come before now.  
Here within this temple,  
here in sound and silence,  
worship God in deepest reverence.

You alone, God, we own,  
you, our God and Savior;  
praise to you forever.

**2 God is truly with us;  
loud our praise resounding!  
Echoes of the saints surrounding!  
"Holy, holy, holy,"  
hear the hymn ascending,  
angels, saints, their voices blending!  
Bow your ear to us here;  
hear, O Christ, the praises  
that your Church now raises.**

Words: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729, Transl. Frederick W. Foster and others (alt.).

Music: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG, Joachim Neander, in *A and Ω, Glaubund Liebesübung, Bremen, 1680*

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Lynette Alcorn, *Liturgist*

When we admit the places where we are broken and ask for repair, we join in the act of reconciliation, and hope for new life. Let us say together our prayer of confession.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. We seek courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

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## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*The people are invited to share a sign of God's peace with one another,  
such as a greeting, handshake, etc.*

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

## — — THE WORD — —

### OUTREACH COLLECTION

**“Come, Be Glad!”**  
Chalice Hymnal #329

**1 Come, be glad! Sing and praise!**

**See what God has done!**

**Formed the earth, spread the seas,  
set in place the mountains;  
radiant sun, shining stars,  
rivers, plains and fountains.**

**2 Come, my soul lift your eyes!**

**See what God has done!**

**Led the slaves through the sea  
to a promised blessing;  
faithful love, day and night  
guarding and protecting.**

**3 Come, rejoice! Praise God's name!**

**See what God has done!**

**When full time came to be  
Christ appeared redeeming;  
prophets, priests, martyrs, saints,  
Jesus' name confessing.**

4 Come, with joy! Fill your hearts!  
 See what God has done!  
 Holy Flame, Spirit, Fire  
 burns in each believer  
 bringing life, love and joy,  
 binding all together.

5 Come, give thanks! Sing God's praise!  
 See what God has done!  
 Sends us out to obey  
 "Go and make disciples."  
 Christ alive! Christ alone reigns  
 in glory always.

Words: Daniel B. Merrick (1978). Music: PORTOBELLO, Carlton R. Young (1989).  
 Words and Music: © 1989 Hope Publishing Co. © 1995 Chalice Hymnal

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

Emily Jamison Guerrero  
 Director of Children's Ministries

## CHILDREN'S SENDING SONG

"Peace, My Friends"

### PEACE, MY FRIENDS

Ray Repp

Refrain

Peace I leave with you, my friends. Sha-lom, my peace in  
 all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends.  
 I give to you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-37

Lynette Alcorn, *Liturgist*

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

One: May we be granted wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Amen.

## SERMON

**"Christ Is Sovereign"**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE **"Standing at the Future's Threshold"**

The New Century Hymnal #538, vv. 1, 2, 4

**1 Standing at the future's threshold, grateful for God's guiding hand,  
Asking no protected stronghold, called to be a pilgrim band,  
Seeking ever for new vision of the gospel for our day.  
We move forward in God's mission with our faith to show the way.**

**2 Midst the teeming cities' millions, witness to God's boundless love,  
Reaching for each system's lost ones, seeking justice with each move;  
Grant us courage, strength, and patience to contend with vicious power,  
Lead us forward in the faith that gives us hope in testing's hour.**

**4 Building justice as the bulwark of the peace that God would give,  
Making sacrifice the hallmark of the life we're called to live:**

**Grant us, God, to bear our witness to this peace in Christ, and move  
Forward with our faith's own access to the life of hope and love.**

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## **-- PRAYER TIME --**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

*As petitions conclude, each will end with:*

One: O Lord,

All: hear our prayer.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily  
bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **-- OFFERTORY --**

### **INVITATION TO GIVING**

### **OFFERTORY**

*We invite you to partner with us in mission and ministries.  
Offering plates will be passed around the Sanctuary at this time.*

*Alternatively, you may give online at [uccaustin.org/give](https://uccaustin.org/give)  
or scan the QR codes in the pew to be connected to giving websites.*

*It is through your generosity that this exceptional community  
of friendship, faith, and service is possible.*

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**\*DOXOLOGY      “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551  
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**— — COMMUNION — —**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**      Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**      Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

**TABLE BLESSING**      Charlie Jamison, *Deacon*

**CALL TO THE TABLE**      Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

*All are now invited to come forward down the center aisle for communion.  
You may open your hands for a piece of bread from the common loaf.*

*The deacons hold split chalices that have both **RED** wine and **WHITE** grape juice  
in them. Please use what is right for you.*

*Alternatively, single-serve communion kits with gluten-free wafers and juice  
are available in the tray that I will be holding, if that works best for you.*

*Please return to your seats by the side aisles.*

*A deacon will come around to serve any who remain seated.*

*You may also use the time to light a candle of prayer.*

*Come now, for the table is ready.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**“Abundant Love”**  
Cindy Metcalf

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

**— — WE GO OUT TO SERVE — —**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

**“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”**  
Chalice Hymnal #446

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord lift his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious, and be gracious;  
the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

Words: Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV); Music: BENEDICTION, Peter C. Lutkin (1900)  
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**\*BENEDICTION/SENDING**

Janet Maykus, *Pastor*

One: As our Sunday worship ends,  
**ALL: Let our service begin!**

**POSTLUDE**

Nick Jimenez, *Accompanist*

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## Welcoming a New Member

Chalice Hymnal #341

Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus the Christ,  
we gladly welcome you into this community of faith,  
enfolding you with our love  
and committing ourselves to your care.

In the power of God's Spirit  
let us mutually encourage each other to trust God  
and strengthen one another to serve others,  
that Christ's church may in all things stand faithful.

# — — ANNOUNCEMENTS — —

## Sunday, November 24

- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service
- **11:15am:** Advent Crafting: Everyone is invited to gather for holiday arts and crafts in the Fellowship Hall.
- **11:15am:** Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent

## Monday, November 25

- **6:30pm:** Choir Practice

## Tuesday, November 26

- **8am:** Breakfast Fellowship at Jim's on 183
- **1pm:** Tuesday Book Group (Zoom link in Friday newsletter)

## Thursday, November 28

### *Happy Thanksgiving!*

- Church Office Closed

## Friday, November 29

- Church Office Closed

## Sunday, December 1: First Sunday of Advent

- **10am:** Hybrid Worship Service
- **11:15am:** Adult Discussion Class
- **5:30pm:** Sunday Evening Small Group at the church building

## Monday, December 2

- **6:30pm:** Choir Practice
- **7pm:** Caring Elders Team Meeting

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# — — ANNOUNCEMENTS — —

## Tuesday, December 3

- 8am: Breakfast Fellowship at Jim's on 183
- 1pm: Tuesday Book Group (Zoom link in Friday newsletter)

## Wednesday, December 4

- 9:30am: Wednesday Morning Small Group at the Hearn's home

## Thursday, December 5

- 6:30pm: Handbell Practice

## Sunday, December 8: Second Sunday of Advent

- 10am: Hybrid Worship Service

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### Advent Crafting!

Today, after worship, create an Advent wreath for your home using the materials in the Fellowship Hall, while enjoying seasonal goodies. You may also want to create and decorate an Advent calendar for your household using the calendars provided, or add your mark on our Advent large-format coloring page. All ages welcome!