

<b>Prelude</b>	Rachel Strong
<b>Lighting the Advent Candle</b> <i>(Focus: Isaiah 64:1-9)</i>	The Purser Family
<i>Reader 1: Living God, we light the first candle of Advent. (The first candle is lit)</i>	
<i>Reader 2: We kindle it with <b>hope</b>. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.</i>	
<i>Reader 1: The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This Advent, we call out to God.</i>	
<b>People: Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.</b>	
<b>Advent Choral Response</b>	UBC Choral Ensemble
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	Kathleen Olivieri
<b>Children's Christmas Presentation</b>	
* Hymn 125	"Angels We Have Heard on High"
<b>Prayers of the People</b> <i>"Lord, hear our prayer."</i>	Linda Breazeale
<b>Mark 13:24-37</b>	Bert Montgomery
<b>Special Music</b>	UBC Choral Ensemble
<b>Message</b>	Bert Montgomery
	<i>The Waiting ... Hope!</i>
<b>Silent Reflection</b>	

* Offertory Hymn 124	"The First Nowell"
* Offertory Prayer	Alyssa Moncrief
<b>Offertory Music</b>	Rachel Strong
<b>Invitation to Respond</b>	Bert Montgomery
* Hymn 83	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
* <b>Benediction</b>	Bert Montgomery
<b>Parting Chorus 79 (verse 4)</b>	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
<b>Postlude</b>	Rachel Strong
* <i>For those who are able, we invite you to stand.</i>	



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### AFFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

We affirm you in your Christian decision and celebrate your place in the family of God. We accept our responsibility to help you grow into the fullness of Christ. We offer ourselves to be your family, to surround you with God's kind of love.

### About Language & Worship at UBC

The UBC Worship Team understands the power language has to either limit or broaden our understanding and experience of God. While we do not change every reading or hymn in our service, we do try to balance cultural and gender references to include all persons in the worship of God. Please feel free to use inclusive language during worship.

## THIS EVENING!

5:00 pm - UBC Christmas Party (*in fellowship hall!*)  
pot luck supper! "white elephant" gifts! a surprise visitor!

### LORD'S SUPPER NEXT SUNDAY

*As is our tradition at UBC, please bring offerings of oil and self-rising flour as gifts for a local food pantry.*

### UBC GOES CAROLING

Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 pm  
Gather in the parking lot outside, and let's go Christmas caroling!  
All ages are invited!

### UBC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:

(1) by profession of faith & baptism in Jesus Christ; (2) by promise of letter from another church; or (3) by statement of faith. If you are interested in joining our fellowship, please talk to a member or the pastor after the service. We will be glad to answer your questions.



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Rachel Strong  
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First Sunday of Advent  
**HOPE!**

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