



Our spiritual practice for December is **Choosing Hope**.

“Hope just means another world might be possible, not promised.”

~Rebecca Solnit

Sunday, December 14th, 2025

“Advent, Again”

with Rev. Monica D. Jacobson-Tennessen

Each year we have an opportunity to explore the lessons of the liturgical season of Advent from the Christian calendar, a season that resonates with the experience of being human in these times whether or not we hold this theology. Come explore what practices of hope and expectancy offer us in these times.

At OUUC, masks are welcome and optional. Please join us online if you don't feel well.

Kindly put your cell phones into Airplane Mode to help us ensure a meaningful experience for all in attendance, onsite and online.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the sanctuary at the tech desk.

Prelude

Troy Fisher (he/him)

Morning Song

Congregation

“Turn Around: A Solstice Song”

Words & music: Donia Prince

Welcome

Christine Parke (she/her)

Chalice Lighting

Christine Parke

Words of Pat Uribe-Lichty

Lighting the Third Advent Candle: Joy

Rev. Monica

Ritual by Rev. Rosemary Morrison

Jacobson-Tennessen (she/her)

Opening Words

Rev. Hannah Roberts Villnave

Rev. Monica

Opening Hymn**Hymn #225 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

Words: Latin c. 9th cent., trans. composite based on John Mason Neale. Music: Adapt. by Thomas Helmore, harmony by John Weaver

Congregation

Story

Chanukah Story

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Christine Parke

Offertory**“The Face of God”**

from: Tuvayhun - Beatitudes for a Wounded World

Words: Charles Anthony Silvestri / Music: Kim

Andre Arnesen

Oboe - Elliot Anderson / Drums: Noah Plumley

OUUC Choir &
Oboe-Elliot,
Drums-Noah

Ritual of Sharing from the Heart

Rev. Monica

Prayerful Practice

“A Blessing for Traveling in the Dark”

By Jan Richardson

Rev. Monica

Musical Response**“You are the Light”**

From: Tuvayhun - Beatitudes for a Wounded World

Words: Charles Anthony Silvestri / Music: Kim

Andre Arnesen

OUUC Choir &
Oboe-Elliot Anderson

Reading

A Beautiful Year by Diana Butler Bass

Christine Parke

Sermon Part One: Advent, Again

Rev. Monica

Musical Interlude	<i>Oboe-Elliot Anderson</i>
Reading “Keep Awake” by Steve Garnaas-Holmes	<i>Christine Parke</i>
Sermon Part Two: Round the Spiral Once More	<i>Rev. Monica</i>
Closing Hymn Hymn #226 “People, Look East” Words: Eleanor Farjeon / Music: Traditional French carol, harmony by Martin Shaw	<i>Congregation</i>
Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Words of Tom Schade	<i>Rev. Monica</i>
Postlude	<i>Troy Fisher</i>

Reflection Questions:

1. How does thinking about spiral time work for you? Helpful, discouraging, intuitive, exciting, hard to get your head around?
2. What ancestors (specific people or movements, elders or children who are elders in universe time) do you feel connected to? How do their stories resonate with you today?

Today’s After-Service Forum (12:15 pm, onsite and online):

Skill Builder: Microaggressions 101 with Rev. Sara

Come join Rev Sara and others in learning about microaggressions, intent and impact, and real examples of how we sometimes don’t treat each other as we’d want in a beloved community, as well as how we can do better.

Next Sunday, Dec 21st, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite):

“Solstice: Flames of Magic” with Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

We will celebrate the Winter Solstice during this service. As we share the time of the shortest day, we will explore the hope and the stories that light our way forward..

After-Service Forum on December 21st, at 12:15 pm (onsite & online):

No After-Service Forum

Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for November and December is Rebuilding Together Thurston County (RTTC):

RTTC provides free, critical home repairs and improves accessibility for low-income homeowners, typically seniors, persons with disabilities, military veterans, or families with young children. Volunteers preserve existing affordable housing and help people to remain living in their homes.

If you write a check, please note "PLEDGE" if it is a pledge payment. All other donations in the basket will benefit the Share the Plate program.

- Checks can be mailed to: 2306 East End St NW, Olympia, WA 98502
- Donate online at: <https://onrealm.org/OUUC/give/offering>
- Donate by text: Text "OUUC offering" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel

We are collecting gift cards for families at our neighborhood elementary school, LP Brown. We want cards in amounts of \$25, which can be brought to Rev Sara.

We are also collecting new toys and books for the Joy and Justice Toy Drive, which can be brought to a collection box in the Commons anytime OUUC is open.

Guest At Your Table, our annual fundraiser drive for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Collect a donation envelope in the Commons or use this donation link to make a donation: <https://donate.uusc.org/give/75595>

Find more details on these and other announcements in the Weekly Update:
<https://www.ouuc.org/weekly-update/>