

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

December 4, 2016  
11:00 am

### Second Sunday of Advent



#### Sermon:

"Dancing With The Lord"  
Rev. Gary Dalton

#### Scripture:

Luke 1:39-55

#### Jubilate Presents

Selected Anthems from the Service of

### Lessons and Carols

*Pesonet Hodie* — arr. Rutter

*Eternal Rose* — Lantz

*O magnum mysterium* — Palestrina

*Here Mid the Ass and Oxen Mild*  
— arr. Shaw/Parker

*Allon gay bergeres* — Costeley

*Silent Night* — arr. Rutter

*Rejoice and Be Merry* — arr. Rutter

**Deacons:** \*Erin Brown, Alan Hendricks, Alice Batten, Bill Jesser, Carolyn Lowry, Donna Marshall, Ed Smith, Johnny Ellen, Wellford Tiller

**Nursery Workers:** Judy Gough, Mary Jo Hendricks, Ewing Minor, Emily Morris

**Children's Church:** Debby Johnson, Taraneh Brown

**Ushers for December:** Shirley Clark, Martha Wood, Jack Wilkerson, Joyce Martin

**Greeters:** Martha Ballenger, Brett Lissenden

**Medical On-call:** Clara Belle Wheeler

## Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, November 30  
6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

This will be a service to remember our departed loved ones, to support each other in our pain and loss during this holiday season, and to support our community during this time of unusual stress.

Candles will be lit to acknowledge family and friends, our pain and loss, our worries and struggles, and God's faithfulness in our lives.



# The Word

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### A Bridge Across

*We'll take our time as we need and want, we'll linger only to see what we can see, then we'll move along to the other end of the Bridge, to meet whomever the next Senior Minister should be.*

One of the truly influential books in my young adult life was *The Education of Henry Adams*. As I entered mid-life, one of the most significant sculptures to capture my imagination was Augustus Saint-Gaudens' work entitled *The Mystery of the Hereafter and The Peace of God that Passeth Understanding*, or as the public later more simply called it, "Grief."

Pictured here is Saint Gaudens' shrouded figure, head bowed, passive, enduring, caught in a forever-encounter with loss.

I first saw a model of the bust of Saint-Gaudens' *The Mystery of the Hereafter* while touring the Musee d'Orsay on a 1997 visit. Karen and I made to Paris. There, I learned that Henry Adams commissioned Saint-Gaudens to execute this work for the grave of Adams' wife, Marian, who had died by suicide in 1885. Long suffering from depression, Marian ended her life by drinking a highly poisonous chemical she used for her own art as an accomplished photographer.

Saint-Gaudens' work of its own beauty and force drew me and held me that day in the Orsay. Learning of its inspiration and commission in the tragedy of Henry Adams' wife's death confirmed its importance for me. A few years later, on a day trip to Washington, D.C., Karen and our children patiently made the search with me to find Marian Adams' gravesite in Rock Creek Cemetery. We found it and spent time sitting before this memorial which people call "Grief" and which the artist called, *The Mystery of the Hereafter and The Peace of God that Passeth Understanding*.



Few people can afford to commission an artist of Saint-Gaudens' caliber, as Henry Adams did, for their loved one's memorial. Not many of us can pay the price to gain what comfort this tangible, enduring statement offered Adams to declare his profound love for Marian and his deep grief over his wife's death.

Instead, we of modest means must work our own testimonies of grief, chipping away, sculpting an inner memorial to erect within our hearts. These self-hewn monuments are an every-person's work of art, a commission which death compels us to execute for ourselves. They also share the title, *The Mystery of the Hereafter and The Peace of God that Passeth Understanding*. They are our work called "Grief."

Occasionally, as Henry Adams must have done, we visit the site of our testimonies of love and loss. We make this pilgrimage and sit, wondering, remembering, reflecting, perhaps considering how our loved ones are experiencing God's Hereafter. We pray to dip again into this Peace of God Beyond Understanding for which we are grateful.

I hope this Wednesday evening's Service of Remembrance might offer you this time to revisit, to remember, to gain what more you need from God of all grace, who comforts and cares for all hearts that bear such works of Grief.



Your Senior Minister in the Interim,  
~ Gary

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### CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



### Children's Christmas Shop

We are collecting small gift items that our children can "purchase" for 50¢ each as Christmas gifts for their family members.

Bring donations to the  
Preschool Department  
by Monday, December 5.

ALL proceeds go to the  
CBF Global Missions Fund.



### Christmas Dinner in a Bag

Due Sunday, December 18.

- 1 box stove-top stuffing mix
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 jar gravy
- 1 large can sweet potatoes
- 1 large can green beans
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 box pie crust mix
- 1 can pie filling



The WMU will provide a \$10 Food Lion gift card for a turkey or ham.

Put all items in a paper or reusable fabric grocery bag and place them on the Fellowship Hall stage. The recipients will pick up the bags at Love INC.

If you can't do the shopping, we welcome donations for the gift cards. Make checks payable to UBC and earmark them for "Christmas Dinner in a Bag."

### CBF Global Missions

During the month of December, we will be collecting money for the CBF Global Missions Fund. Our goal is \$3,000.

### Poinsettias



If you would like a poinsettia placed in the church in memory or in honor of a loved one, please place your order by submitting a **check payable to**

**UBC for \$8.00 per plant by Monday, December 5.**

**Fifth Annual Holiday  
Lights Bus Tour  
Friday, December 16  
5:30 and 6:15 pm**

Sign up online at  
[goo.gl/sn6Hn2](http://goo.gl/sn6Hn2)

or contact Will Brown.

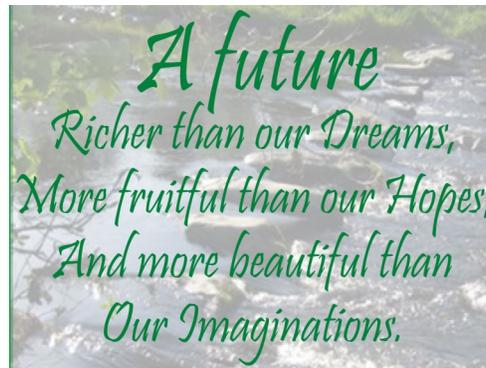


**Wednesday, December 7  
5:00 pm Supper:** Spaghetti, Salad

**6:15 pm Program:** Bible Study  
— Gary Dalton  
Preschool/Children's Christmas Night

**(Brief) Called Church Conference  
Wednesday, November 30  
6:00 pm**

The Personnel Committee will present Amanda Ohlms to fill the position vacated by Chris Owens on the Senior Minister Search Committee.



The total number of pledge cards received to date is **65**, representing a pledged amount of **\$320,184**. Last year's total at this time was 98 pledge cards, representing a total pledged amount of \$383,492.

You can still send a pledge card to the church office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday.

*"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."* Ephesians 3:20-21

### WEDNESDAY, November 30

- 5:00 Supper (Leftovers)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Children's Activities
- 6:00 Called Church Conference
- 6:15 Service of Remembrance
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, December 1

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 10:30 Women's Prayer Group

### SUNDAY, December 4

- 8:30 Church Council Meeting
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 6:00 Real Life
- 6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

### MONDAY, December 5

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood
- 1:00 Staff Meeting

### TUESDAY, December 6

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle Mtg.

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- 1:00 AQPTS\*
- 5:00 Supper (Spaghetti)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Children's Christmas Night
- 6:15 Bible Study
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### \* A Quiet Place to Study

Volunteers are needed to host students in **Fellowship Hall** **December 7-15 from 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm each day** as they prepare for exams.

If you can be there for **a couple of hours or prepare snacks and goodies** for the

students, check the sign-up board or contact Rachel Miller.



**Sunday Bible Study classes will not meet  
Sunday, December 25, 2016  
Sunday, January 1, 2017**