



November 26, 2023

Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ

*No matter who you are, or
Where you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here.*

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Time of Greeting

***Gathering Music**

Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hugh & Barbara Barton

***Hymn #119**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

First Reading

Bob Harris

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

The Lord's Prayer

A Time for All Ages & *The Sending Song

Second Reading

Luke 1:1-23

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Mae Cannon

Worship Through Music

The Sanctuary Choir

*Hanaq Pachap Kusikuynin** | Unknown

Prayers of the People

Matthew 25: Join the Movement

Leslie Atkins

Giving from Gratitude

***Hymn #628**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Sending Forth

Postlude

Service Notes: *The Call to Worship is by A Sanctified Art. | Next week's scripture is Luke 1:24-25.*

**Hanacpachap cussicuinin (modern orthography: Hanaq pachap kusikuynin) is a processional hymn to the [Virgin Mary](#) in the [Quechua language](#) but in a largely European sacred music style. Composed by an Inca student of Franciscan Priest [Juan Pérez de Bocanegra](#) between 1620-1631 and published in 1631 in the [Viceroyalty of Peru](#) making it the earliest work of vocal polyphony printed in the [New World](#).*

Announcements

Today @ Rock Spring

10:00 a.m. –Worship/Sunday School/Middler YoRS

11:15 a.m. – Choristers

12:30 p.m. – Confirmation

7:00 p.m. – Sunday School Teachers Check-In

View the complete calendar of events, with links, at rockspringucc.org/events/.

Welcome Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Mae Cannon

Mae is the Executive Director of Churches for Middle East Peace. She kicks off our Advent sermon series:

How Does a Weary World Rejoice?

Join the Movement!

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged! If you are ready to Join the Movement, make your pledge by scanning the QR code below, going online to <https://bit.ly/2024RSpledge> or emailing info@rockspringucc.org to request a pledge card.



Advent Dinner Church

Saturday, Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m. Carpenter Hall

Music. A meal. Meaningful conversation. All ages are invited to enjoy these gifts of the season as we gather around tables to go deeper into the Advent story. RSVP <https://bit.ly/RSAdventDinner> by **tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 27.**

Register for the Rock Spring Life Retreat!

The RSLR returns – a weekend of fun, fellowship, and “church in the woods” for all ages! Dates: Feb. 2-4, 2024. Spaces are limited! bit.ly/RSLR2024

Exploring Membership

Sunday, Dec. 10, 11:15 a.m., Kusler Home

Gather with Kathy Dwyer to meet others who are new to Rock Spring, learn more about the church, the United Church of Christ, and membership in this faith community. RSVP to Kathy.

Christmas Tree Tags

Return Gifts by Dec. 18

Take a tag or two from the Christmas tree in the lobby area to help make the holidays brighter for clients of our partner organizations.

Handmade Ministry – Updated Dates

Textile Museum Trip, Wed. Dec. 6, 1:30 p.m.

Visit the Textile Museum (701 21st St NW; Foggy Bottom metro) to tour the quilt exhibit on loan from the NYC Folk Art Museum on December 6. RSVP – Peggy Greenwood (peggygreen@aol.com).

Olive Oil Sales

Dec. 3, 10, & 17, After Worship

Purchase olive oil and other products as part of the [Olive Oil Ministry's](#) ecumenical project to support a just peace in Israel-Palestine.

Christmas Movie Night

Saturday, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m., Neighborhood House

Put on your cozy clothes or pjs, bring a snack, and come watch *The Star*, a movie for all ages that follows a brave donkey and his lovable animal friends on their journey to the first Christmas.

Christmas Eve at Rock Spring

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. – Angels & Shepherds Service

4:30 & 8:00 p.m. – Lessons & Carols Services

Be in community as this weary world rejoices at Jesus' birth! Since Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, we are offering new worship options.

Save The Dates! Details on the [calendar](#):

Dec. 2 – Advent Dinner Church

Dec. 3 – Olive Oil Sales Begin

Dec. 9 – Christmas Movie Night

Dec. 10 – Exploring Membership

Dec. 17 – Sanctuary Choir's Music of Christmas

Dec. 17 – Christmas Caroling

Dec. 21 – The Longest Night Worship Service

Dec. 24 – Services at 10:00 a.m., 4:30 & 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 31 – *RS Life Retreat* Registration Deadline



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