

Advent 4
Obedience

Philippians 2:12-13

Luke 1:26-38



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**If you are new or visiting
Adelaide West Uniting
Church we are pleased
you are here.**

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people. We pay respect to their traditions and their elders and commit to working toward reconciliation in our land.

Simple Obedience is our theme today. Simple here means getting in line with the things that really matter. Getting in line with things that are essential in the Kingdom of God. These are the things that will transform the world. They are the things that will be life giving to us and others. Many can feel negatively about obeying anyone but why would we not obey a God who loves us and who wants eternal life for us here and now?

When the birth of Jesus was announced the angels praised God and talked of peace on earth. In Jewish culture peace – shalom – meant basically wholeness, the normal state of life that corresponds to the will of God. This wholeness is characterized by a healthy relationship with God, with other people and the right loving opinion of ourselves. Listening to and obeying the Holy Spirit is the way to this shalom. It is the type of life I hope that we all want.

Rod Dyson | Lead Minister



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



Welcome to Worship,

Kids' Space is on School Holidays and will return on February 4th, 2018.

Today in the service during the Sermon we will continue to watch the Veggie Tales Video "the Drummer Boy"

**Wishing you all a blessed Christmas. Lorraine,
Children and Families Pastor..**

A place to belong, learn to believe in & become like Jesus

The Tuesday Prayer group will not be meeting until the 16th January at 7pm. However please ask us anytime if you wish for impromptu prayer.
Bryan Crosby

If you would like to contribute to the gift for Suzi this will be closing on December 31st, 2017, please give this to Peter Whiting or Amy Schmidt.

Engage Youth | returning in 2018

Engage Youth welcomes all youth in years 7-12 to come, hang out, relax, eat, make new friends, meet awesome leaders and most importantly *Engage* with God!

Engage Youth runs from 6-9:30pm at AWUC and includes dinner and dessert for \$5.

Any questions? Please contact Jack: 0433 763 908 or youth@awuc.org.au

Jack Harington | Adelaide West Uniting Church



Progressive Christianity Services will continue in 2018 on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.00 pm in the Chapel commencing on Wednesday, 17th January and you are very welcome to attend. For further information on Progressive Christianity, you are invited to contact John Maddern or Esmond Dowdy,

or visit <https://progressivechristianity.org/the-8-points/>

May the ways of peace, hope, joy and love be born in us anew this Christmastime.



Over 65 years of the Christmas Bowl

Every year AWUC have an offering at all of our Christmas services that is donated to the Christmas Bowl and envelopes are available today.

Bringing peace to Myanmar

Myanmar is ranked 104 out of 162 countries in the 2017 Global Peace Index due to internal conflicts and political terror. [\\$148](#) can pay the salary of a community organizer for a month so they can rescue child soldiers.

Training for disaster

Vanuatu is ranked #1 as the world's most at-risk country for natural disasters. This is due to its position in the Pacific which makes it vulnerable to earthquakes, tsunamis, flooding, drought, and tropical cyclones. [\\$500](#) can provide a disaster preparedness kit stocked with essential items that help save lives when disaster strikes. This includes first aid kits, solar lights, hygiene and sanitation supplies, blankets and matches.



In a world that has made Christmas to be about extravagance, busyness and materialism, we're taking the opportunity at Adelaide West this Christmas, to be reminded of the *simplicity* of the birth of our King and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He came, not wrapped in fancy paper at the top of the present pile, but wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

The story of the gospel is simple, "for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life", and we celebrate his coming through our response of simple love, humility, obedience and lifestyle.

What's on this week...

24th December	Advent 4 & Christmas Eve	
	10:00am	Combined Service Rod Dyson
	2:30pm	mainly music Christmas Eve Service
	9:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
25th December	9am	Christmas Day Service

**Many of our regular events are now having a break until the new year.
The AWUC office will be closed between Christmas and New Year.**

Lorraine is on leave until Monday 15th January

31st December	New Years Eve	
	9:15am	John Maddern
	10:45am	John Maddern
	5:00pm	Lauren Andris

Giving Envelopes

Please collect the new 2018 giving envelopes from the foyer. If there is not a box for you and you would like one please let the office know.

Helping Vicky Barclay

If you can help with once off house cleaning or gardening please speak to Rod Dyson.

An audio copy of every sermon is available on our web site if you want to hear it again or you miss attending any week. You can also catch up with newsletters or join a mailing list to receive them every week.

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AWUC personal name tags
can be ordered from the
office.

Costs are:

standard pin \$6.00;

dual pin and pocket clip
\$7.00;

magnet \$9.00.