



First Congregational United Church of Christ

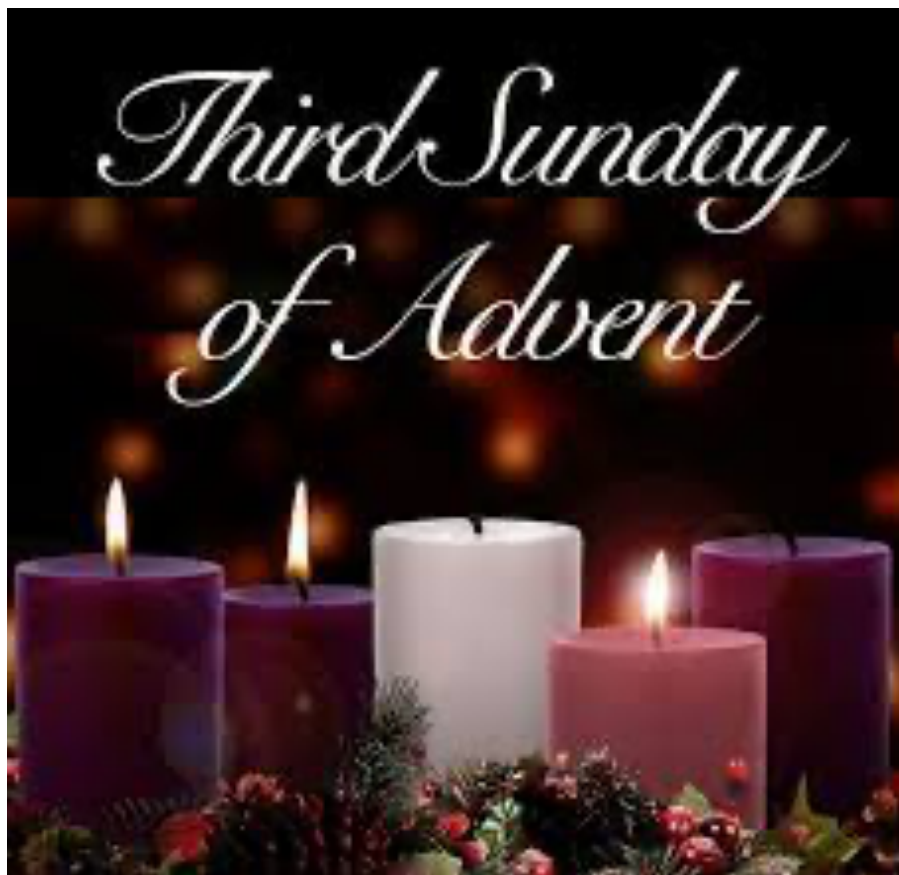
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Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022



Guest Organist

Anne Hoekstra

Guest Preacher

Rev. Cathy Young

Director of Youth

Abbie Chronister

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Worship Leader

Kay Thuesen

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Organist

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Mini-Message

Lucy Prescott

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

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

Prelude	<i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i> by Ernst Pepping	Anne Hoekstra
Welcome & Announcements		Kay Thuesen
Call to Worship		Kay Thuesen
One: In the midst of cold days and long nights, All: God offers joy. One: In our imperfect world of war, illness, grief, and violence, All: God still offers joy. One: When we find ourselves facing challenges like Mary, All: We, too, can sing God's praises. One: When we sense the presence and power of God, All: We should thank God for His love and goodness. One: No matter what's going on externally in our lives, All: We, like Mary, can sing "My soul magnifies the Lord."		
Prayer of Invocation	"In Search of Our Kneeling Places" by Ann Weems	Rev. Cathy Young
*Opening Hymn	<i>Oh Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	#135 (NCH - Black)
Lighting of the Advent Candle	(Joy Can't Wait)	Lucy, Arlo & Crosby Prescott
Joys & Concerns		Kay Thuesen
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cathy Young
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.		
Mini-Message		Lucy Prescott
Choral Anthem	<i>My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise</i>	Lauren Leman and Joley Seitz
Invitation to Offertory		Kay Thuesen
Offertory	Comfort, Comfort, Now My People by Egil Hovland	Anne Hoekstra

*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		Kay Thuesen
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:39-56	Kay Thuesen
*Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	#4 (NCH - Black)
Message	<i>“Great Things for Me”</i>	Rev. Cathy Young
*Hymn	<i>Joy to the World</i>	#132 (NCH - Black)
Benediction		Rev. Cathy Young
Postlude	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> by Charles Ore	Anne Hoekstra

* You are invited to Stand

(Hearing assistance devices are available in the cabinet in the back of the sanctuary.)

Childcare for students up to 5th grade is provided after the Mini-Message through the end of service. We welcome your child(ren) to follow youth staff to the childcare room (located at the bottom of the steps closest to the sanctuary) at the conclusion of the Mini-Message.

Last Chance to order your Poinsettias!!!



It's that time of year! You may fill out this order form and place in the offering plate or call Michelle at the church office. Orders may be placed any time by Friday, December 16th. (\$12.00 per plant)

We will be ordering live poinsettias this year so you may take your poinsettia(s) home with you after the Christmas Eve service.

Please make checks payable to First Congregational Church (*write "poinsettia" in the memo*).

Poinsettia(s) given by: _____

"In Memory of...": _____

"In Honor of...": _____