



First Congregational United Church of Christ

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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022



LESSONS & CAROLS

the promise of the Messiah - the birth of Jesus
Scripture - carols - choral music - hymns

Worship Leader

Craig Mahood

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Organist

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Guest Preacher

Rev. Cathy Young

Director of Youth

Abbie Chronister

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

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

Prelude		Touch of Brass Handbells Children's Handbells
Ringing of the Chimes		
*Processional Hymn	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i> (Choir will sing v.1, please join us in singing vs. 2-5)	#145 (Black)
Greetings		Rev. Cathy Young
Lighting of the Christ Candle		Sam & Molly Stevenson
Prayer		Rev. Young
*Opening Carol	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	#132 (Red)
First Lesson		Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 <i>Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order of creation.</i>
Carol	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	#110 (Red)
Second Lesson		Genesis 22:15-18 <i>God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed.</i>
Carol	<i>Salvation is Created - Pavel Chesnokov</i>	Chancel Choir
Third Lesson		Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 <i>The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.</i>
Carol	<i>Lo How a Rose e'er Blooming</i>	#131 (Red)
Fourth Lesson		Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 <i>The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.</i>
*Carol	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	#116 (Red)
Offering Invitation		<i>Tonight's offering benefits Love, INC</i>
Offertory	<i>Christ is Coming to the Earth This Night</i> arr. David Rasbach	Chancel Choir
Prayer of Dedication		

Fifth Lesson		Luke 1:26-35, 38
	<i>An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.</i>	
*Carol	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	#120 (Red)
Sixth Lesson		Luke 2:1-7
	<i>Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.</i>	
Carol	<i>Away in the Manger</i>	#137 (Red)
Seventh Lesson		Luke 2:8-16
	<i>Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.</i>	
Carol	<i>Candlelight Carol - John Leavitt</i>	Chancel Choir
Eighth Lesson		John 1:1-14
	<i>The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.</i>	
*Carol	<i>Joy to the World!</i>	#130 (Red)
Message	<i>"A Christmas Story"</i>	Rev. Young
Carol	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	#138 (Red)
*Charge and Blessing		
One:	Arise and shine, for your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.	
All:	Alleluia!	
One:	Go now and bear witness to the light of Christ.	
All:	Thanks be to God! Amen!	
*Carol	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>	#488 (Red)
Postlude	<i>"Ding! Dong! Merrily on High"</i> Arr. John Leavitt	Hudson Lourenco-Feld

Many thanks to those of you who have helped beautify the sanctuary with poinsettias this Christmas season:

Craig & Carmen Driver in memory of our parents;

Craig & Carmen Driver in honor of loved ones;

Tim & Vicki Ahrens in memory of Mary Hay and in honor of dear family and friends;

Greg & Anne Hoekstra in honor of our grandchildren: Addy, Kate, Nicole, George, and Olivia;

Greg & Anne Hoekstra in honor of our congregation;

Paul & Gina Greene Family in memory of Tyler Greene, child of God;

Paul & Gina Greene Family in honor of David "Gpa" Greene;

Todd & Becky Ellison in memory of Bob & Donna Sheridan;

Roger & Joanne Lane in memory of Earle & Alpha Lane;

Roger & Joanne Lane in memory of Norman & Hanna Nelson;

Craig & Sharon Holdiman in honor of our children & their spouses and our grandchildren;

Michelle & Greg Wolfe in memory of their daughter, Kalli;

Rich & Janice Akin & Family and Nancy Heinick in memory of Frank F. Heinick;

Rich & Janice Akin & Family and Nancy Heinick in memory of Lorraine M. Heinick;

Gary Waldon in memory of Linda Waldon and in memory of Harley & Pauline Waldon and Ernest & Audra Gilliam, parents of Gary & Linda

Lois Johnson in memory of loved ones;

David & Shelli Panicucci in memory of Mary Alice Thompson & Vivian Mae Panicucci;

David & Shelli Panicucci in honor of JT Thompson & Arno Panicucci;

John & Barb Mardis in memory of Jeff & Bonnie Rickert;

Bonnie Bessman in memory of Don & Scott Bessman;

Bruce & Jill Jensen in loving memory of Dick & Judy Morris;

Bruce & Jill Jensen in loving memory of Bernie & Jean Jensen;

Bruce & Jill Jensen in celebration of Quinn Elaine Soldwisch;

Jim Johnston in memory of Kris Johnston;

Laurie Allbaugh in celebration of Natalie Grace Allbaugh;

Laurie Allbaugh in honor of Meg & Ken Allbaugh;

Laurie Allbaugh in honor of Margaret & Ansel Elder;

Laurie Allbaugh in honor of Cornelia & Roy Allbaugh

Jim & Nancy Stevenson in honor of loved ones;

Seth & Abbie Chronister in memory of Luka, the Chronister's family dog who passed away right after Thanksgiving