



# First Congregational

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Third Sunday After Christmas



**January 12, 2025**

**Worship Leader**

Tim Ahrens

**Children's Message**

Brandyn Miller

**Director of Music**

Luke Overton

**Senior Pastor**

Brandyn Miller

**Organist**

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

**Office Manager**

Michelle Wolfe

**Custodian**

Kyle Lindaman

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

<b>Prelude</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Tim Ahrens
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Tim Ahrens
Leader: Come, all who are weary, and find rest in the freedom of Christ.		
<b>People: We are no longer bound to the law; rather, we are children of God through faith in Jesus.</b>		
Leader: Rejoice, for in Christ we are heirs of God's promise and recipients of God's grace.		
<b>All: Let us worship the One who has set us free!</b>		
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	<i>Faith of Our Fathers</i>	#365 (Pilgrim - Red)
<b>*Prayer of Invocation</b> (unison)		Brandyn Miller
<b>Loving God, we come to You with hearts full of gratitude, knowing that through Christ, You have adopted us as Your children. Remind us today of the freedom we have in Him. Send Your Spirit to guide and teach us, that we may live as heirs of Your kingdom, reflecting Your grace in all we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.</b>		
<b>Special Music</b>	Improvisation on <i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i> - J.S. Bach	Cliff Highnam, dulcimer
<b>Invitation to Offertory</b>		Tim Ahrens
<b>Offertory</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>*Doxology</b>		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Tim Ahrens
<b>Children's Message</b>		Brandyn Miller
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Galatians 3:1-14	Tim Ahrens
Leader: This is the word of the Lord		
<b>All: Thanks be to God!</b>		
<b>Message</b>	<i>"Justified by Faith"</i>	Brandyn Miller
<b>*Hymn of Response</b>	<i>We Live by Faith and Not by Sight</i>	#256 (NCH - Black)
<b>Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Tim Ahrens
Leader: Lord, in your mercy		
<b>People: Hear our prayer</b>		

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** (unison)

Brandyn Miller

**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.**

**\*Parting Hymn**

*God of Grace and God of Glory* (vs. 1-3)

#436 (NCH - Black)

**\*Benediction**

Brandyn Miller

**Postlude**

Hymn Improvisation

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

\* Please Rise in Body or Spirit

*Sunday School for students up to 6th grade is provided after the Children's Message.  
We welcome your child(ren) to follow our Sunday School leaders to the  
youth director's office at the conclusion of the Children's Message.*