

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Don Oakleaf, Lay Reader**

December 4, 2022

Worship 9:30 AM

PRELUDE *In the Bleak Midwinter* arr. Randall Hartsell

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy God, this is earth's quiet season, the season of waiting.

**People: We rest in the shelter of your love.**

Leader: This is the season of darkness, when we seek stars to guide us.

**People: We trust in the light of your promise**

Leader: This is the season of solitude, when we listen for our own heart's rhythm.

**People: We find warmth in the signs of your presence.**

Leader: This is our season to make room, a time to make ready.

**People: For we shall join in the angels' chorus.**

Leader: Peace on earth, goodwill to all.

**People: Peace on earth, goodwill to all.**

\*HYMN # 196 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

\*INVOCATION

**We are pilgrims always journeying homewards. May God walk with us along the roads. We look for peace and we cry for justice. May God make us peacemakers all our days. We wait and long for the coming of Jesus. May God fill us with wonder and with great hope. May the Bright God of Peace bless us, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit, Amen.**

\*LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI # 734

ANTHEM *Too Much Light for Midnight* Suzie Shafer, Flute

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

Amy Ogden, Barb Stahl,  
Stu Gillam and Betsy Cox

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

CHILDREN'S MOMENT CRECHE

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Isaiah 11: 1-10* Pg # 607

\*HYMN # 190 *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 3: 1-12* Pg # 2

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Choose Peace* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Martha Mier

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Out of the roots you have provided, O God, we seek to be branches whose fruit glorifies Christ. Multiply the harvest of these gifts to feed your hungry people in body and spirit. We rejoice in the hope of these days as your realm unfolds its promise among us. Keep us faithful in our receiving and in our giving. Amen.**

\*COMMUNION HYMN #232 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table, Consecration, and Sharing of the Bread and Cup, Thanksgiving  
*(The communion bread is gluten and nut free so that all may partake together)*

\*HYMN #180 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* Michael Larkin

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

*Call to Worship and Invocation reprinted from Candles & Conifers, Ruth Burgess; Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler*

**Greeters This Morning:** Carla DeMeco, George Herren  
**Ushers This Morning:** Bill & Sue Blaker, Guy Burns, George Herren  
**Live Stream This Morning:** John Maguire  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Mike & Nancy Parsons, Dan Rice

**If you are visiting with us, welcome!  
Please fill out a green card and place it in the offering plate.**

## *Happy Birthday*

- 4 Betty Lyon ~ Marty Muehe ~ Alison Henry  
6 Holly Bond  
7 Beth Uhlen ~ Brian Beiner  
9 Hannah Weeden ~ William Uhlen

## *Prayer List*

**Ancy & Family** (Fred Henry's friend); **Carol Birx** (friend of the Casellas Family); **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (friend of the Casellas Family); **Abby Coons** (Carl & JoAnn Reed's friend); **Cathy Coots**; **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Marilyn DeSmith**; **Kade Dolan** (Bonnie & John Maguire's son); **Steve & Diane Fuchs** (Karen's friends); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Linda Hudick** (Karen's friend); **Barb & Wally Iglewski**; **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Lu Krahl**; **Dennis Maxfield**; **Paul** (Dennis Maxfield's brother); **Bernard** (Karen Maxfield's uncle); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Norine** (Marilyn DeSmith's friend); **Kathleen Piper** (friend of George and Carin Herren); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Adam Robb** (Barb & Milan Kutner's nephew); **Ruth** (friend of Jim & Elaine Hilton); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia Francis' mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Jim Ziegler**

## *Calendar*

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Sun Dec 4	11:45	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
	3:00	Messiah Sing/St. John's
Mon Dec 5	3:00	Called to Care/Hayes Room
Tue Dec 6	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Wed Dec 7	6:30	Bell Rehearsal
Thu Dec 8	10:00	Adult Education/Advent
	1:00	Resource Committee Meeting
	7:30	Sacred Conversations on Race/Zoom
Fri Dec 9	11:00	Bob Hotchkiss Memorial Service/Chapel
Sun Dec 11	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
	11:45	Christmas Pageant

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