

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Jay Garrett-Larsen, Lay Reader

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE                      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*                      arr. by Susan E. Geschke

(Bell Choir: Carol Milligan, Elaine & Jim Hilton, Lynn & Chris Sohn, Carol Benner,  
Roxanne Willard, Laura Gillim, Beth Weeden, Kelly Meath, Stu Gillim)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We await the Christ,

**People: The one who will reveal God to us.**

Leader: He comes to us as sparkling light:

**People: Twinkling with joy and playfulness.**

Leader: He comes to us as everyday light:

**People: Brightening the ordinary world around us.**

Leader: He comes to us as a focused spotlight:

**People: Bringing truth and justice into stark relief.**

Leader: This is the Light of the World –

**People: Jesus Christ, coming to shine among us.**

\*HYMN # 188                      *Angels We Have Heard On High*

\*INVOCATION

**God of birth, we watch in fear for your coming; scared of the pain and risk, the struggle of new life emerging and our own capacity to bear it. God of waiting, wait with us. God of the future, we watch in hope for your coming; anticipating the unknown, uncertain of the unnamed reality, not sure of the form it will take. God of waiting, wait with us. God of celebration, we watch in joy for your coming; expectant with promises of freedom, eager for new possibilities, delighting in the gift of birth. God of waiting, wait with us. 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                      *Lully Lullay*

Douglas E. Wagner

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE                      Mickey & Jim Ely

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON                      *Micah 5:2-5a*

\*HYMN # 225                      *I Wonder as I Wander*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON                      *Luke 1: 39-55*

SERMON                      *Expectation*

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OFFERTORY                      *The First Noel*

arr. by Bill Ingram

\*DOXOLOGY # 34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Thank you, God, for your mercy and protection, for feeding us physically and spiritually, for caring for us like a shepherd. We present our offerings as an act of gratitude. What we can never repay, we pause to appreciate. In the name of generosity we cannot match, we seek to be generous toward others. May these offerings do far more than support our Church. We dedicate ourselves and these gifts to honor Christ through ministry in the world. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 229                      *The First Noel*

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE # 154

**Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel**

POSTLUDE                      *He Whom Shepherds Once Came Praising*                      Wilbur Held

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

*Call to Worship and Invocation adapted and reprinted from Shine on, Star of Bethlehem – Compiled by Geoffrey Duncan; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler*

*Greeters This Morning: Sue Hawkes, John & Bonnie Maguire  
Ushers This Morning: Fred Henry, Jean Ingalls, Martha Daniels, Guy Burns  
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire*

If you are visiting with us, welcome! Please fill out a green card and place it in the offering plate.  
If you would like to use our hearing assistance system please see an usher.

### *Happy Birthday*

Dec 19 Nancy Parsons  
Dec 20 Jim DeMay, Thomas Rice  
Dec 21 Alice Berry  
Dec 22 Debbie Jackson, Phoenix Hoffman  
Dec 25 Stu Gillim, Jean Ingalls

### *Prayer List*

**Ancy & Kira** (Fred Henry's friend); **Keith Blaker**; **Brad Bliss**; **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' and Elaine Hilton's friend); **Cathy Coots**; **Corrine** (Denise & Scott's sister); **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Marilyn DeSmith**; **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Bob Graumann** (Don DeSmith's friend); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Mara Huberlie**; **Barb Iglewski**; **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley**; **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Don Raw, Jr.**; **Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Betsey Stout**; **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason and Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son and daughter); **Jim Ziegler**

### *Calendar*

Tue Dec 21	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
	7:00	Council - Zoom
Thu Dec 23	10-11:30	Hallelujah Adult Ed
Fri Dec 24	5:00	Christmas Eve
Sun Dec 26	10:30	Worship In Person & Live stream, Baptism of Madelyn Phillips (Sauter)
Mon Dec 27		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED