

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Second Sunday of Advent
Logan Piorkowski, Lay Reader

December 5, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *In the Bleak Midwinter* Wilbur Held

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 # 232 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

*INVOCATION

Lord of all time, bless this season, come among us in all we do. Help us prepare for Your coming, not merely to scuttle to and fro, in a frenzy of cooking and shopping, parties and glitter. May we treasure the precious time you have given 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 *Come, Child of Peace*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE The Piorkowski Family

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Malachi 3:1-4*

*HYMN # 184 *What Child Is This?*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 3:1-6*

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Preparation* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ed. by Diane Bish

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

How good you have been to us, gracious God! How meagerly we have responded. You have restored our fortunes when we felt all was lost. You have filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. We give thanks, not only with a portion of our income, but also through renewed commitment to being your people. By your grace, we share in the work Christ came to accomplish among us. May love abound in and through us. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN # 698 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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 # 161 *People Look East*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE # 154

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

POSTLUDE *Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending* Thomas A Arne

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

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

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.

***Greeters Leaders This Morning:** Karen DeMay, John & Bonnie Maguire
Ushers This Morning: Jim DeMay, Guy Burns, Jean Landes, Jan Waxman
Live Stream This Morning: Mike Ryan*

Happy Birthday

Dec 6 Holly Bond Dec 7 Beth Uhlen, Brian Beiner
Dec 8 Jim Ziegler Dec 9 Hannah Weeden, William Uhlen

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); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **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; Sara Szrama** (Sally Mueller's granddaughter); **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

Sun Dec 5	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School
	11:45	Deacon's Meeting
Tue Dec 7	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Wed Dec 8	4:00-5:00	Meditation Group-Social Room
Thu Dec 9	10-11:30	Hallelujah Adult Ed
	4:00	Staff Meeting-Hayes Room
	6:30	Bell Rehearsal – Hayes Room
Sun Dec 12	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School
		Virtual Christmas Pageant at the end of the service
Mon Dec 13	4:00	Trustees via Zoom