

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Second Sunday After Christmas
Marty Daniels, Lay Reader

January 2, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *How Far Is It to Bethlehem* arr. Douglas Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted, among the privileged,

People: Christ is coming. He is coming to make all things new.

Leader: In the private house, in the market place, in the wedding feast,
in the judgement hall,

People: Christ is coming. He is coming to make all things new.

Leader: With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience,
with burning love,

People: Christ is coming. He is coming to make all things new.

Leader: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe, that the powerful
might stumble, that the humble might be raised,

People: Christ is coming. He is coming to make all things new.

Leader: Within us, without us, among us, before us, in this place, in every place, for this
time, for all time,

People: Christ is coming. He is coming to make all things new.

*HYMN # 193 *Sing We Now of Christmas*

*INVOCATION

God with us – as the wind comes rushing through the darkness, across the miles and batters this building, as the gales howl through the gaps and hurl sleet against the windows, we know that we are held safe, out of this raging and wrathful world in a sheltering place, as though in the hollow of your hand; strong and caring God. God with us – on a day like this, on a night like this; in a place like this, in a world like this – a world of suffering and hope, of tears and laughter at the turning of the year we turn to you. 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 *Christmas Communion* Susan Naylor Callaway

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Revelation 21: 1-6*

*HYMN # 214 *Still, Still, Still*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 25: 31-46*

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Something New* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *What is this Lovely Fragrance* arr. Paul Manz

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Your goodness, O God, has satisfied us with abundance beyond our deserving. The return on your investment in us is not adequate to express our thanks. Use our lives as channels of your grace. May our individual efforts and the combined outreach we can accomplish together turn mourning into joy and hopelessness into purposeful living, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN #699 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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 # 84 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day* arr. Douglas Wagner

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

Call to Worship & 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

Ushers This Morning: Bill Blaker, Jim DeMay, Kathy Ward, Jean Landis

Live Stream This Morning: Mike Ryan

Greeters This Morning: George Herren and Carla DeMeco

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

Jan 2 Don DeSmith ~ Larry Rowles

Jan 8 Andy Platou ~ Brian Weeden

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); **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 Jan 4	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Thu Jan 6	10:30	MLK Committee
Sun Jan 9	9:30	Choir
	11:45	Social Action Committee
		Worship Committee removes holiday decorations
	2:00	Current Events Group
	2:30	Brainstorming Team/Zoom
	4:00	Trustees/Zoom
Mon Jan 10	2:00	Current Events Group
	4:00	Trustees/Zoom

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- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.