

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor  
First Sunday of Advent  
Lin Case, Lay Reader

November 28, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Come Savior of the Gentiles*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy One, we wait for you to come to us again,

**People: baby-small and vulnerable, to grace our poverty, our humanity,**

Leader: with a heartbeat, a breath, and a cry

**People: Holy One, you wait for us to notice you again,**

Leader: baby-small and vulnerable, here in these people and in this place,

**People: present in a heartbeat, a breath, and a cry.**

Leader: May the guiding Spirit once again bring your waiting and our waiting together

**People: to lift up the vulnerable, and confirm the beauty of our humanity**

Leader: each heartbeat, every breath, and each cry

**People: bring to birth renewed lives filled with everlasting hope.**

\*HYMN # 153 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

\*INVOCATION

**Come to us, Lord Jesus Christ, come as we search the Scriptures and see God's hidden purpose, come as we walk the lonely road, needing a companion, come when life mystifies and perplexes us, come into our disappointments and unease, come at table where we share our food and hopes, and, coming, open our eyes to recognize 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 *Every Valley Shall Be Exalted* Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

DEDICATION OF JOHN RUGG MEMORIAL CHOIR STOLES

MEMORIAL ANTHEM *Blessing of Aaron* Norman Ramsey

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE The Rugg Family

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON Psalm 25:1-10

\*HYMN # 154 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 21:25-36*

SERMON *Anticipation* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Christian Meditation on an Old French Melody* Richard Wegner

\*DOXOLOGY # 34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Thank you, God, for this family of faith, which enriches our lives and enable us to share. Thank you for making us aware that some faint with fear and others dwell in hopelessness. We are grateful that you show us ways to lift the burdens of our sisters and brothers. May our offerings further this ministry among us and beyond our community. Amen.**

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

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE # 154  
**Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel**

POSTLUDE *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* Camile Saint-Saens

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

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

***Greeters This Morning: Jean Landis, Laurie Stoutz  
Ushers This Morning: Mike & Nancy Parsons, Jim & Karen DeMay  
Live Stream This Morning: Steve Brooks***

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*

November 28 ~ Betsy Cox  
December 1 ~ Jilliane Newman  
December 2 ~ Jean Logan, Chris Ieda  
December 3 ~ Judi Stewart  
December 4 ~ Betty Lyon, Marty Muehe, Alison Boldt

## *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** (Purple's son-in-law)

## *Calendar*

Sun Nov 28	1:00	Reopening Committee Meeting ~ Zoom
Mon Nov 29	7:00	Camerata Rehearsal in Sanctuary
Tue Nov 30	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Wed Dec 1	6:30	Bell Rehearsal
Thu Dec 2	9:00	MLK Committee
	10-11:30	Hallelujah Adult Ed
Sat Dec 4	10:00	Decorate for Christmas
	3:00	Camerata Concert
Sun Dec 5	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School
	11:30	Deacon's Meeting