

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor  
First Sunday in Advent  
Marty Daniels, Lay Reader

November 29, 2020

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. by Flor Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The nights around us grow longer,

**People: But in you, O God, we hope.**

Leader: The days are growing colder,

**People: But in you, O God, we hope.**

Leader: We are ever caught up in the cycles of life and death.

**People: But in you, O God, we hope.**

Leader: Gracious God, fill this time of worship with the promises of new life and help us carry your hope into the world.

HYMN *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* (Please listen but do not sing)

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.*

INVOCATION (in unison)

**Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted, among the privileged, Christ is coming to make all things new. In the private house, in the marketplace, in the wedding feast, in the judgement hall, Christ is coming to make all things new. With a gentle touch, with and angry word, with a clear conscience, with burning love, Christ is coming to make all things new. That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe, that the powerful might stumble, that the humble might be raised, Christ is coming to make all things new. Within us, without us, among us, before us, in this place, in every place, for this time, for all time, Christ is coming to make all things new. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

\*GLORIA PATRI *(Please listen but do not sing)*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE Jessica, Dan and Kira Casellas

Leader: The light is surely coming!

**People: Its rays reaching out to illuminate injustice and oppression.**

Leader: With hope we watch for new growth to be coaxed from the earth.

**People: With anticipation we wait for the branch of mercy to shed its lifelessness and sprout new fruit.**

Leader: We open our hands to be bearers of Christ's light in the world.

**People: We listen for the promise of hope in the gentle jingle of bells**

Leader: We see the struggles in our world, we see God's vision for us.

**People: We open our hearts to be transformed with the promise of possibility that is to come.**

Leader: As we light this candle, the candle of Hope, we pray that it will brighten our path, that our steps inside this church might align with our steps outside in the world.

**People: We await the Son of God!**

ADVENT CANDLE SONG Kira Casellas and Logan Piorkowski

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Isaiah 64:1-9*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 13: 24-37*

SERMON *Formed and Re-Formed* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *In the Bleak Midwinter* Steve Kane, Tenor  
by Christina Rosetti, arr. Harold Darke

HYMN *People Look East* (Please listen but do not sing)

*People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.*

*Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table.*

*People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:*

*Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.*

*People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.*

\*DOXOLOGY

*(Please listen but do not sing)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**With these gifts, we seek to accomplish the good you intend, O God. With these offerings, we commit ourselves anew to your way of peace. Prosper the work of your church in this place and link us with all who watch and wait for your revelation. Amen.**

HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Please listen but do not sing)

*O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and deaths' dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying*

arr. by Wilbur Held

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

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***Happy Birthday***

Nov. 30: John Spare

Dec. 3: Judi Stewart

Dec. 1: Jillaine Newman

Dec. 4: Myron Beal, Betty Lyon, Don

Dec. 2: Jean Logan, Chris Ieda

Crowe, Marty Muehe, Alison Boldt

***Messiah Sing A-long:***

This year the Messiah will be a virtual re-broadcast from the performance in 2019, available with a link on our website: [www.canandaiguachurch.org](http://www.canandaiguachurch.org) for your viewing pleasure on **Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us!

***Christmas Pageant – December 13***

Our annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 13. This year, it will be pre-recorded, and shown after the church service in the sanctuary and on line. We hope you will join us for this variation on the traditional celebration of the Christmas story!



### *Prayer List*

**Muriel Allemand** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Curt Bailey's family**; **Keith, Emily, Hannah, Bill and Sue Blaker**; **Brad Bliss**; **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Cathy Coots**; **Charley** (brother of Marilyn DeSmith); **Peggy & Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friends); **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Jerry Gomez** (Kathi Nacca's friend); **Tom Hermenet and Family**; **Carin Herren**; **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Sue Kotalik**; **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Meg & Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Sally Mueller**; **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack and Meg Radley**; **Sara** (Meg & Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Sally Stowell** (Alice Berry's mother); **Walker** (Don & Dorice Raw's friend); **Tom Wallace** (Jackie Lowe's significant other); **Kathy Ward**; **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Merle Winn** (Amy Ogden's friend); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's daughter in law)

### *Calendar*

Sun. Nov 29 - Worship & Sunday School; 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent; Congregational Life  
12:30 zoom

Mon. Nov 30 – Poinsettia Orders due; Study Group 9 Chapel; Sacred Conversation on  
Race 7 Zoom

Tues. Dec 1 – Men's Group Gateway 8; Study Group 9 Chapel; Rughooking 10 Dining  
Room; Carols and Candles 3 Live Stream

Wed. Dec 2 - Study Group 9 Chapel; TOPS 10 Basement; Study Group 1:30 Youth Rm

Thurs. Dec 3 – Poinsettia Delivery Sanctuary; Wedding Rehearsal 5; Deacon's zoom 7

Fri. Dec 4 – Wedding 2:00

Sat. Dec 5 – Decorate for Christmas 9

Sun. Dec 6 - Worship & Sunday School; Celebration of Alicia's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent; Messiah – Virtual ; Advent Workshop Drive by Pick Up

Mon. Dec 7 - Study Group 9 Chapel

Tues. Dec 8 – Men's Group Gateway 8; Study Group 9 Chapel; Rughooking 10 Dining  
Room; Carols and Candles 3 Live Stream

Wed. Dec 9 - Study Group 9 Chapel; TOPS 10 Basement; Study Group 1:30 Youth Rm

Thurs Dec 10 – Resource Committee 3 Zoom; Staff 4:30 in person