



DECEMBER 13, 2020 9:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Tune to 96.1 FM for the service

Rules: If you leave your car or have your windows down, you must have a mask on, and you must keep a 20ft. distance from any person you do not live with.

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN* *O Little Town of Bethlehem* No. 141

GREETINGS, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

All: Rejoice! The spirit of God is sending us: to bring good news to the oppressed, to comfort the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to proclaim the year of favor among God's people. Come, let us worship in Joy!

INVOCATION

*All who are comfortable, please stand.

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Office Hours: Tues. 1-6 p.m.

Wed 10 a.m. -12 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.

Thu 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Other times available by appointment

Choir Director: Karen Barger Organist: Alex Ignatiou
Children's Sunday School: 4th – 7th Teacher: Brittany King
Young Learners: K – 3rd Teacher: Sarah Hogan
Nursery: Infant – Pre-K Teacher: Hayden Rauls

- Handicapped restrooms are on the main and lower levels.
 - Hearing assistance device is available at the sound system control table.
 - Nursery Child Care for infant to kindergarten is available on the upper level (UL). An usher will direct you to the location.
 - The Infant Comfort Room is located off the foyer for the convenience of worshippers with infants.
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Today's altar flowers are given by Cynthia and Glen Solomon, in memory of Cynthia's father's passing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**November Meetings:
Every Tuesday, Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00 pm**

Wed., Dec. 16th; **Holiday Service of Remembrance, 7:00pm**
This year we will again be holding a special service to honor those who will not be with us this holiday season. However, this year the service will take place on Facebook Live. The service will be on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 PM. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's celebrations can be some of the happiest times of the year; they can also be a sad reminder of those we have lost. We will acknowledge our grief and seek comfort in God. We are here for each other, here to give comfort, here to provide support, and here to be a community of God together.

Dec; **Cookie-less Cookie Walk**
Because of the pandemic we are not holding our annual cookie walk. However, Martha is not one for letting a fundraising opportunity go by, and so she has come up with the Cookie-less Cookie Walk. For those of us that would usually spend money to bake cookies for the cookie walk, Martha is asking that we send what money we would normally spend to the church instead. For me that sounds like a great deal, and I won't have to bake 50 dozen cookies. All money sent to the church for the Cookie-less Cookie Walk will go towards the truss project fundraiser. Simply put "Cookie Walk" on your check or on a note with your donation. We will be accepting these special donations through the end of the year.

† Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways publication

December 20th, 2020
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 and Luke 1:26-38

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Advent calls us to "wake up!" and rejoice in the hope that is ours. Day is coming, and with it the promise of new hope in Christ, but we must commit to living in the light. And so we pray: When the heaviness of clinging to "stuff" we no longer need, and bad habits too comfortable to shed, keeps us half asleep and unable to wake up and follow Jesus, Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: The night is far gone, day is on the horizon. In Christ we are forgiven and given strength to face a new day, rejoicing, and to participate, fully awake, in working for the Kingdom of God.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Joys and Concerns

People: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

LESSONS	Psalm 126 John 1:6-8, 19-28	OT pg. 683 NT pg. 124
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SERMON	"Confession"
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GATHERING HYMN*	<i>What Child Is This?</i>	No. 137
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PARTING SONG*	<i>Lord of Life</i>
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**Lord of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.
Day by day show the way, be Thou our vision to guide us.
Striving to follow Thy noble plan, nothing can divide us. Lord of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.**

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE