



DECEMBER 27, 2020 9:00 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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* *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 132

GREETINGS, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

**All: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph, God is there.
 When they present Jesus at the temple, God is there.
 When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms, God is there.
 When Anna recognizes Jesus as the answer to prayer,
 God is there. This very morning, God is here. In the
 future we cannot see, God is there. Let us worship
 God!**

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 Karen & Bill Barger in honor of Alex's wonderful music ministry.

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December Meetings:

None

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

January 3rd, 2020
Jeremiah 31:7-14 & John 1:1-18

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: Holy God, we know that you have been present to us throughout all of history, even throughout our own histories. We know you will be with us in our future. Yet often we don't live as if we know that. As Simeon recognized in Jesus the salvation of his people, we recognize in Jesus' Way our own wholeness and health, yet we often fail to follow. As Anna recognized in Jesus the redemption of her people, we recognize in Jesus God's saving grace for us, yet we often fail to rejoice and to share this good news. Forgive us, make us wise and joyful and strong so that we live in the understanding of your never ending love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: The scriptures promise that God will make all things new. As God makes the year new, may we also be made new by God's love and forgiveness in Jesus.

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 148

OT pg. 693

Luke 2:22-40

NT pg. 80

QUESTION SUNDAY

CLOSING HYMN*

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

No. 128

PARTING SONG*

Lord of Life

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.