

# Church of Christ, Congregational

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

### Our Mission

We seek to be a Christian community  
by worshiping God through prayer, music, and the proclaimed Word.

Following Christ's example,  
we enthusiastically reach out to everyone with compassion, respect and love  
so that we may grow in faith and commitment together.



**December 10, 2023**

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***Worship God, Serve our neighbors, Share God's  
love***

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

\*Indicates standing if you are able  
B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Introit:** *As the Deer*

**Call To Worship:** O God of the morning and of the evening hours, let your Spirit come on us here gathered. This is the holy place where we, your people, call on you in faith, joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to your name. Amen.

*Book of Worship, United Church of Christ*

\***Hymn R #107** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

**Scripture:** John 1: 6-11

**Lighting the Advent Wreath** (Liturgy from the United Church of Christ)  
**Responsive Prayer:** Merciful God, we give thanks that you send messengers like John to call us to greater faith. We ask that in these days we prepare for you in prayer and acts of holy compassion. Forgive us and lead us to your light. Amen.

\***Hymn R #109** *Watchman, Tell us of the Night*

**The Church at Prayer**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Our Personal Prayers in Silence**

**Lord's Prayer** (Most in our congregation use "B" on page 9 in the black hymnal. Use the words that work best for you).

**Sung Response:** *Nothing Can Trouble*

**Meditation:** "Joy of Giving"

**Offering**

**Invitation**

**Offertory:** *The Coventry Carol, arr. Mark Sedio*

**\*Sung Presentation:** Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above your heavenly hosts.  
All Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**O God, we offer you these gifts, and the gifts of our time and talents. We ask that you use our gifts and us to promote hope, peace, joy, and love this week and in all the weeks to come. Amen.**

**\*Hymn R #130** *Joy to the World* (verses 1 & 2)

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Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the prayer chain at [mejensen7@verizon.net](mailto:mejensen7@verizon.net)**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**M&M's (Monday Morning Group)**

We are taking the rest of 2023 off to rest and recuperate from the Jolly Holly Fair. We will resume meetings on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Pastoral Emergencies**

If you have a pastoral emergency, please reach out to one of the Deacons

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, December 10**

10:00 am ~ Worship

Third Sunday in Advent

**Thursday, December 14**

7:00 pm ~ Church Council

**Sunday, December 17**

10:00 am ~ Worship

Fourth Sunday in Advent