

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 7, 2025

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

Sunday December 7, 2025 at 10:00am

2nd Advent

*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude *Prepare Ye From Godspell*

Stephen Swartz

Welcome/ Announcements

Gathering Music *The King of Glory Comes*

***Call To Worship**

One: Seekers of Christ, come and search for your God!

All: We look near and far in every direction.

One: We take fresh notice of strangers and the most familiar of kin.

All: We listen in the quiet and the chaos.

One: We open to the scandalous and surprising.

All: God will bear the flesh of the earth!

One: Let us prepare our hearts. God comes to dwell among us.

***Opening Prayer (together)**

Emmanuel, we ache for your presence among us. We long for clarity—how do we get from where we are to a world of peace and justice? The barriers are both global and deeply personal. In our own hearts, we are torn between the vulnerability of the unknown and reach toward a future more loving and free. Amen

Lighting the Advent Candles

***Hymn R#110 O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

A Time For Children Of All Ages

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon 'Tis the Season for Peacemaking

****Hymn B#127 Lo How a Rose***

The Church at Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Our Personal Prayers in Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (please use the wording with which you are most familiar.)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response *The World Is In Your Heart*

A Time of Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem *A Celtic Gloria*

arr. Martin

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above your heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (together)**

God of the Prophets Ancient and Emerging, sometimes your truth lands hard and harsh. We can shut down, silence, or shame the very voices guiding us to you. It is difficult to accept evil's presence as ordinary and familiar. And yet, your grace enables us to rise and join with our neighbors in the courage of love. Facing honestly what steals life within and around us. In our

gratitude for your freeing companionship, receive these gifts. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion See Insert

***Hymn B# 545** *Lord I Want to Be a Christian*

***Benediction**

Postlude *Your Grace Finds Me*

arr. Labenske

Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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**Have a prayer request?
Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the
prayer chain at mejensen7@verizon.net**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

M&M's (Monday Morning Needlework Group)

Join us from 10am-12pm in the parlor. Bring your handwork or just come to socialize, we'd love to see you there!

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor James via
phone

Call or text (774)-993-9407

Sacrament of Communion
Adapted from the enfleshed liturgy library

Invitation

One: The Holy One be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts to the One who is Love

All: We open our hearts to you, O God

One: Let us give thanks to God with us

All: To the One who took on flesh, we give thanks and praise

Creator of all that is, by your hand we were formed. You made us relational. You created us to thrive—not alone, but together. You shaped the entire cosmos so that every form of life depends on another. You never intended for us to power through these lives alone. You made us strong and resilient people, but equally vulnerable and dependent on you, the earth, and all our neighbors. You gifted us with the need to rely on one another, bone of each other's bone, flesh of each other's flesh. In your wisdom, you created us with both desire and need to be in community.

Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, singing praise to you,

Holy, Holy, Holy One
God of justice and love
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder
Hosanna among us

In our longing for your presence with us, we often expect your arrival in traditional places of power. We seek our hope and salvation in the false promises of dominance and might. But instead, you brought us salvation through vulnerability. You too became bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh. God, in the form of a baby, you made yourself dependent on us. An infant, revealing

the transformative power of giving and receiving love through human flesh.

Throughout the life of Jesus, we saw lives transformed by your willingness to make yourself vulnerable. And you, the same vulnerability, those in power preyed on yours. Still today, we often crucify the ones who dare to risk it all on love.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said” “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying: “This cup that is poured out is the new covenant.”

In remembrance of all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ was birthed among us.

Christ was killed among us.

Christ rises again among us.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God. Give us a taste of resurrection hope that lasts through even the most challenging of relational betrayals. Meet us in this bread and this cup and hear the prayers of your people in this aching world. Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

All are invited to come forward to receive communion.

Communion Music: *Beneath The Cross of Jesus*

By Garrett Parker

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for this holy meal that nourishes our bodies and souls. You have refreshed us with the bread of life and the cup of blessing, reminding us of

your abundance and unwavering grace. As we leave this table, may we carry the spirit of Christ into the world, to be agents of love, justice, and reconciliation. Strengthen us to walk in your ways, to seek your face in every neighbor, and to work tirelessly for the wholeness of all creation. For this gift and for the calling it inspires, we offer our grateful hearts. Amen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 7

Second Advent

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am~ Refreshments

Monday, December 8 ~ M& M's

10:00am-12:00pm in the Parlor

Sunday, December 14

Third advent

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments



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Poinsettia Order Form 2025



Flower	Number of Plants
Poinsettia	

In Memory of _____

In Celebration of _____

In Honor of _____

From _____

Orders will be taken through End of Service on Sunday, December 21.

Poinsettias are \$16.00 each.

Checks and order forms may be left in the offering plate or in the church office.

*Please make checks payable to "Church of Christ, Congregational" and
write "flowers" in the memo section of the check.*