

Church of Christ, Congregational

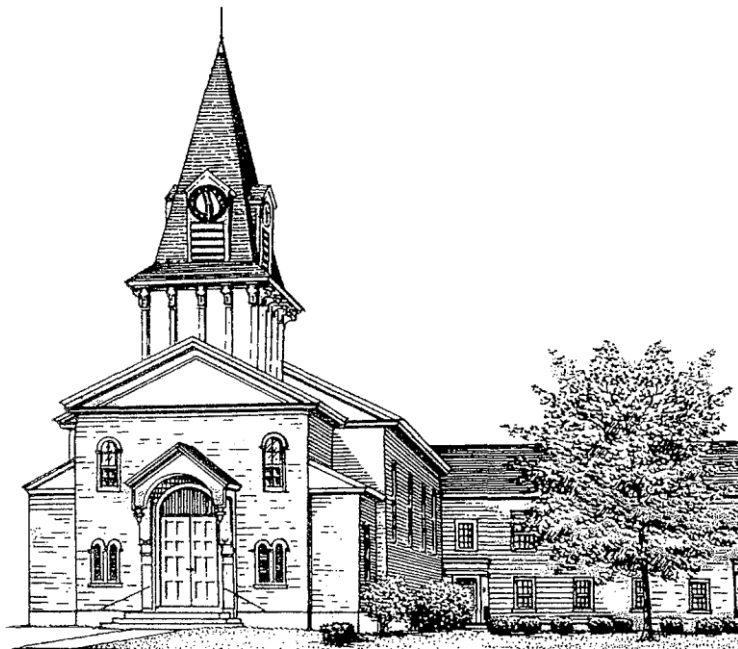
United Church of Christ

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 14, 2025

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

Sunday December 14, 2025 at 10:00am

3rd Advent

*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude *Breath of Heaven*

arr. Bober

Welcome/ Announcements

Gathering Music *All I Need Is You*

***Call To Worship**

One: With hope and anticipation, we await the birth of Christ

All: Eager and expecting, we tend and prepare

One: God will dwell among us, incarnate in stranger and kin

All: God will be with us, in struggle and in joy

One: Come, Holy One, and make your home with us

All: Come, Love, and let us build the world anew

***Opening Prayer (together)**

Emmanuel, our Companion. What a moment for your advent.

**There is so much ache on the planet. There are so many
uncertainties before us. There is so much evil on the loose.**

We long for your presence in the heart of it all. As Teacher.

As Guide. As Wisdom. As Friend. Come and meet us here,

**that we may be strengthened in our faith and assured of
possibilities to make new life in the midst. Amen**

Lighting the Advent Candles

***Hymn R#130** *Joy To The World*

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 1:18-25

Sermon “Joy to the Whirled”

****Hymn B#103 Watcher Tell Us Of The Night***

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 *We Sing Of Your Glory*

A Time of Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem *My Gift To You*

By Jane Wood

***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)**

Oh Holy One, we remember this morning all your children born into turbulent conditions. Locally and globally, the cruelty of empire bears down on vulnerable flesh every day. And yet, throughout time, people come together at the feet of ten wiggly toes. Bringing our prayers, our resources, our love and our commitments to cherish and protect. Bless these offerings of gratitude

for every precious life entrusted to us. Make us faithful in solidarity to each one. Amen.

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

***Benediction**

Postlude *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

arr. Cindy Berry

Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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For your convenience, you can now make donations and pay your pledge on-line. Just scan this Giving QR code.



**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



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 14

Third Advent

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

Monday, December 15 ~ M& M's

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

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Advent

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service

6:30 pm ~ Worship

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.*