

SONG "O Holy Night" Adam  
Ken Foley, vocalist

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "A Child is Born" Jones  
Mike Elkins, saxophone

SIXTH LESSON Reading: Luke 2:1-18  
*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

PRAYER: Lord, you came to us as a child, in humility and vulnerability. May we always show loving care to those around us, especially those who need it most. Amen.

SONG "Gesù Bambino" Yon  
Sarah Keenen, vocalist

SEVENTH LESSON Reading: Matthew 2:1-12  
*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."*

PRAYER: Lord, you are the giver of all good gifts. Teach us to freely share our gifts with others, for the glory of your name. Amen.

SONG "Let Us Adore Him" Raney

EIGHTH LESSON Reading: John 1:1-4; 14  
*In the beginning, the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. From the very beginning the Word was with God.*

PRAYER: God of power and might, you are beyond all time and space. May we never fail to recognize your majesty and give praise to you in all we do. Amen.

SHARING THE LIGHT/ HYMN 253 "Silent Night, Holy Night"  
Sandy O'Shea, guitar

NINTH LESSON Reading: Matthew 28:16-20  
*Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

PRAYER: Lord, you call us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. Give us words filled with the power of Love. Help us proclaim your good news with our whole lives. Amen.

+CLOSING HYMN 270 "Joy to the World!"

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "The First Noel" arr. Raney

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## The United Church of Christ (Congregational)

# Christmas Eve

### Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols



Friday, December 24, 2022  
11:00 p.m.



The United Church of Christ (Congregational)  
Rev, Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor  
Christmas Eve Worship 11 p.m.

† Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "Some Children See Him" Burt  
Dave Williams, vocalist

WELCOME

INTROIT "What Child is This?" Traditional  
Ken Mehalko, clarinet

† RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Tonight, we come to glorify God, rejoicing with all Creation in the birth of the Savior.

P: God comes, so we might believe, and be blessed.

L: Our hearts leap for joy, for God is coming to us as a child.

P: God comes for those who hunger for hope, and for those who thirst for grace.

L: Holy is the One who comes in God's name, fulfilling every promise of God.

P: God comes to walk with those who follow in faith, to bring peace to our shattered world.

† OPENING HYMN 249 "O, Come, All Ye Faithful"

FIRST LESSON Reading: Genesis 1 (excerpts)  
*God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased.  
Evening passed and morning came—that was the sixth day.*

PRAYER: Lord of mercy, in spite of our sinfulness, your love for us never wavered. Fill our hearts with your mercy. Teach us to love; show us how to forgive one another. Amen.

HYMN 278 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

SECOND LESSON Reading: Jeremiah 23:5-6  
*"This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior."*

PRAYER: Lord, you have promised that your reign would be a time of never-ending justice and peace. May we have the courage to bring your justice in our time. Amen.

SONG "A Tiny Child Will Come" Price/Besig

THIRD LESSON Reading: Isaiah 11: 1- 9  
*The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.*

PRAYER: Lord, we eagerly wait for the day of your perfect peace. May we work together for peace, in our hearts, in our families and in our world. Amen.

HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, family all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

FOURTH LESSON Reading: Isaiah 9:2-6

*He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

PRAYER: God, you are always with us. May we always trust in your presence, and let our light shine brightly in the world. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES Bobbie Krisak & McKenzzi Abruzzino  
Leader: In a world where so many people live in despair, God lights a Candle of Hope in our hearts.

**People: "By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation. You are our Hope, to the ends of the earth and the farthest seas."**

Leader: In a world where so many people experience hatred, God lights a Candle of Love in our hearts.

**People: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, so that everyone who believes in him would not perish, but have everlasting life."**

Leader: In a world where so many people are living with sorrow, God lights a Candle of Joy in our hearts.

**People: "The root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will find hope in him."**

Leader: In a world where so many people experience violence, God lights a Candle of Peace in our hearts.

**People: "By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness, to guide our feet into the way of peace."**

Leader: In a world where so many people wait in darkness, light comes into our hearts, through a baby born in a manger. He is Emmanuel, God with Us! This is the word of the Lord:

**People: "For to us a child is born; to us a Son is given. He shall be called Wonderful Counselor; Almighty God; Everlasting Father; Prince of Peace."**

Leader: The Light that shines in the darkness cannot be extinguished.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 273

"Good Christian Men Rejoice"

FIFTH LESSON Reading: Luke 1:26-38

*It was in the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy when God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.*

PRAYER: Lord, in faith, Joseph and Mary trusted you. May we grow in our ability to trust, and always rely on you. Amen.



## HYMN SING SUNDAY--DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

Celebrate the end of an eventful year with your church family as we worship and sing together during our 10 a.m. worship.

### BE ALL YOU CAN BE IN 2023!

Sign-up sheets are waiting for **your name** to be added as a greeter or usher. **Don't know how to** do either of those things? No worries—we will show you everything you need to know! No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life. **Also, please sign up to sponsor altar flowers for 2023.** The chart is in Pilgrim Hall.



### THE CHRISTMAS FUND



Formerly known as Veterans of the Cross, this special offering of the United Church of Christ provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ authorized ministers and lay employees and their surviving spouses, including pension and health premium supplementation, emergency assistance, and Christmas thank-you checks. A ministry of the Pension Boards, the offering is received throughout December. Offering envelopes are in the pew racks.

### CHURCH CHRISTMAS MAIL BOX

To send Christmas greetings to fellow members **and friends, the church "mail box"** is again available in the Gathering Area. Please remember to check the box for greetings you receive. Also, please do not put cards in the box for friends who are not in town for Christmas. The church office cannot mail your personal Christmas cards. Cards left after Christmas will be discarded. Thank you.



## To the Glory of God, the poinsettias are given...



*In honor of our children and grandchildren: Brandt, Gelin, and Aidan Camp  
and Abby, Hunter, and Hannah Colao*  
**Mark and Barbara Camp**

*Merry Christmas to my parents, Bill and Dorothy Ritchie  
In memory of my grandparents, Pete & Edna Lansell  
and Leroy & Rusha Ritchie*  
**Gina Cathcart**

*In memory of Gordon Cockrell  
Harold & Wava Cockrell and Harry & Kathryn Johnson*  
**Kathy Cockrell**

*Remembering Lou  
Honoring our Sunday School Teachers  
For the People of Ukraine*  
**Diana Creecy**

*In loving memory of the Davis and Penasa families*  
**Roger and Judy Davis**

*We remember and honor our families and friends*  
**Jim and Linda Dettmer**

*In loving memory of Aimee J. Jannsohn, Eric R. Jannsohn,  
Michael E. & Deb Dickson, and Brooke M. Akins*  
**The Dickson-Joyce-Jannsohn Family**

*In loving memory of Bill Foley*  
**Carol Foley**

*In loving memory of Bill Fraunfelder and Don & Betty Bushea*  
**Barb Fraunfelder**

*In memory of our parents and grandparents, Donald & Betty Babics*  
**The Gigliotti and Kubancik Families**

*In memory of our parents and grandparents, Joanne & Louis Gigliotti, Sr.*  
**The Gigliotti Family**

*In memory of our parents and grandparents Don & Lois Winch  
and Bill & Ruth Giuliano*  
**Bill, Beth, Nicole, and Luke Giuliano**

*In loving memory of Charles & Thelma Hawk  
In loving memory of Richard & Sally Mack  
Dale and Cathy Hawk*

*In loving memory of our parents Franklin & Beatrice Jefferis  
and Paul & Dorothy Jackson  
In honor of our daughters Melanie Bowling and Stephanie Miles  
and their families  
Frank & Pat Jefferis*

*In loving memory of Erik O. Jannsohn  
and Mary Joyce-Smith & James J. Joyce, Sr.  
The Joyce-Jannsohn-Dickson Family*

*Merry Christmas, Trevor and Abby!  
Love, Aunt Sarah Keenen*

***In loving memory of the Pastor's Wife.**  
Your hugs, your laughter, your dancing, your ministry will be missed  
Pastor Heidi and Family*

*In memory of John B. Millhoane from your loving family  
In loving memory of all our loved ones  
Lola Millhoane*

*In loving memory of our loved ones  
Kenn and Ginny Oerkfitz*

*With love and blessings to all of our families and friends  
Judi and George Pavisich*

*In memory of Mac & Elsie DeWitt, Elton & Virginia Bedford,  
Walter & Agnes Perciak, and Sarah Perciak  
Tom & Debbie Perciak*

*In loving memory of Pete and Edna Lansell  
In loving memory of LeRoy and Rusha Ritchie  
Bill and Dorothy Ritchie*

*In loving memory of our grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clements  
In loving memory of our parents, Roger and Lorna Robinson  
In loving memory of our aunt, Rhea Clements  
Becky and Bill Robinson*

*In loving memory of our parents and grandparents, Jean & Joe Rung,  
and Willie Mae & Jimmy Lee Cuyler  
Lora, Sam, Samuel, and Braxden*

*A very Merry Christmas to our church family  
In loving memory of Walter and Geneva Thorn, Bernice Cooper,  
Mike Lucan, Charlie Garner, Susan Stevenson Tressa, and Jan Stough,  
Sandy O'Shea, Schyler, Devin, and Doug Thorn and family*

*In loving memory of Steve Herzog  
Sarah Toth*

*Love to our children and grandchildren  
Bev Wehr and Ken Mehalko*

*In loving memory of Hilda & Carl Winch  
and Don & Lois Winch  
Marty and Lori*

*In loving memory of Bob Zimmerman  
Mary Ellen Zimmerman*



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### Serving this evening

Readers: Tom Foley and Dave Williams

Greeter: Judi Pavisich

Advent Candle Lighters: Bobbie Krisak and McKenzzi Abruzzino

Ushers: Elaine Coffey

Director of Music: Thomas M. Foley

Associate Director of Music: Mike Elkins

Soloists: Ken Foley, Sarah Keenen, Dave Williams

Clarinet: Ken Mehalko

Organ: Sharon Heinrich

**Guitar: Sandy O'Shea**

Sound/Video: Jim Heinrich & Doug Thorn

Our Chancel Choir: Richard Densmore, Ingrid Dickson, Jackie Foley, Frank Jefferis, Irene Joyce, Pam Keenen, Sarah Keenen, Sharon Maresco, Sandy O'Shea, Sarah Toth, Robert Toth, Clay Williams, Dave Williams, Mike Willis



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### MEMORIAL SERVICE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF CHARLES (CHUCK) McDOUGALL

Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 11 a.m., followed by  
a luncheon and fellowship in Pilgrim Hall.

