

## SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

*Joseph went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby.*

## UNISON PRAYER

Lord, you came to us as an innocent, vulnerable baby. Help us to show love and care to the most vulnerable among us, every day. Amen.

## HYMN 277

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

## SEVENTH LESSON

John 1:1-4, 14 (The Message)

*In the beginning, the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

## UNISON PRAYER

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

## PASSING THE LIGHT

## HYMN 253

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Sandy O’Shea, guitar

## +HYMN 270

“Joy to the World!”

## +BENEDICTION

## +POSTLUDE

“Noë!”

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† Please stand as you are comfortable.

## Serving this evening

Readers: David, Jennifer, Oliver and Matilda Sekorky

Advent Candle Lighters: The Sekorky/Davis family

Greeter: Irene Joyce

Ushers: Linda Ponstingle, Mary Ellen Zimmerman, Judy Davis, Barb Camp

Director of Music: Tom Foley

Associate Director of Music: Mike Elkins

Organ: Sharon Heinrich

Vocalists: Ken Foley, Brianna Foley, Jackie Foley, Jillian Foley

Guitar: **Sandy O’Shea**

Flute: Lisa Heinrich

Sound/Video: Jim Heinrich & Doug Thorn



The United Church of Christ  
(Congregational)

# Christmas Eve

Family Service  
of Lessons and Carols



Friday, December 24, 2022  
7:00 p.m.



The United Church of Christ (Congregational)  
Rev, Heidi Denman McDougall, Pastor  
Christmas Eve Worship 7 p.m.

PRELUDE "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" German Carol, arr. Overton  
Duet: Lisa Heinrich & Sharon Heinrich

WELCOME

INTROIT "Away in a Manger" arr. Keveren

†CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

† HYMN 249 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

FIRST LESSON Genesis 1 excerpts (The Message)  
*God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good!*

UNISON PRAYER

Lord of all that is, we are grateful for the beauty and diversity of Creation. Fill our hearts with your love and mercy. Amen.

HYMN 278 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

SECOND LESSON Jeremiah 23:5-6  
*"The time is coming when I will choose as king a righteous descendant of David."*

UNISON 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.

HYMN 286 "Once in Royal David's City"

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 11:1, 6-8  
*Wolves and sheep will live together in peace, and leopards will lie down with young goats.*

UNISON 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 262 "Away in A Manger"

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-6

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

UNISON PRAYER

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

SONG "I Have Seen the Light" Haygood  
Ken Foley, Brianna Foley, Jillian Foley, Jackie Foley, vocalists

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Sekorky/Davis Family

Reader: 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."

Reader: 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."

Reader: 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."

Reader: 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."

Reader: 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."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 273 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice!"

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

*Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased!"*

UNISON PRAYER

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Pastor Heidi

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Il est Né (He is Born)" French Carol, arr. Overton  
Duet: Lisa Heinrich & Sharon Heinrich



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

Start your Christmas celebration with your church family as we worship and sing together during our 10 a.m. worship.

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### BE ALL YOU CAN BE IN 2023!

Sign-up sheets are waiting for **your name** to be added as a greeter and/or usher. Please check out the sign-up list in the Gathering Area. No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to be a part of our church life.



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### 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.

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### 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.



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

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

## 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 & Rasha 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**

