



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE



DECEMBER 24TH, 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE 10PM SERVICE

Welcome

Please silence cell phones during worship.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located on both floors. Exit the right-side of the sanctuary and look for signs.

Hearthside Parenting Room

Children in worship are a joy, the sound of their voices a gift. A parenting room is provided with diaper changing station, rocking chairs, privacy, and livestream of services. Exit the right-side of the sanctuary and look for signs.

Wi-Fi Password

Welcome!

Like and Share

Check in and share.

First Congregational UCC Moline

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We are an ONA church, covenanting with all people regardless of sexual orientation, gender expression or identity. All people are welcome to participate fully in the life of the church, including the rites, sacraments, and leadership of the congregation.

*Today
from the life
of the church*

Good News; but if you ask me what it is,
I know not;
It is a track of feet on the snow,
It is a lantern showing a path,
It is a door set open

G.K. Chesterton

Everything beyond a certain distance is dark,
and yet everything is full of being around us.
This is the darkness, heavy with promises
and threats, which the Christian will have
to illuminate and animate with the divine
presence.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

*Orietur sicut sol Salvator mundi:
et descendet in uterum Virginis,
sicut imber super gramen, alleluia*

Like the sun shall the world's Savior rise
and the Lord shall come down to the virgin's
womb like gentle rain upon the grass. Alleluia.

Monastic Liturgy

It is both terrible and comforting to dwell in
the inconceivable nearness of God, and so
to be loved by God that the first and last gift
is infinity and inconceivability itself. But we
have no choice. God is with us.

Karl Rahner

In a flash, at a trumpet crash,
I am all at once what Christ is, since he was
what I am.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Carol Sing-Along

Please join us in singing the first 2 verses of each carol.

#23, *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plain
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains:
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be?
Which inspire your heavenly songs?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

#25, *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

#56, *The First Nowell*

The first Nowell the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

#47, Still, Still, Still

Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill!
The Virgin's tender arms enfolding,
Warm and safe, the Child are holding.
Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill!

Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in slumber deep
While angels hosts from heav'n come winging,
Sweetest songs of joy are singing.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in slumber deep.

#31, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and Sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest-heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Let in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Gathering of God's People

GREETING AND WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Because Christ has been born in the world,

People who walked in darkness now live in great light.

Because Christ has been born in the world,

The power to oppress and kill will not stand.

Because Christ has been born in the world, we respond in wonder:

With the angels, we sing glory to God;

with the shepherds, we share the good news;

with Mary, we ponder the joy that has come into the world.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray. **God of light, shine upon us this Christmas Eve,
and guide us out of the darkness and into your love.**

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN, #41**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful - arr. Raney
(Verses 1 & 2)*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him

Born the King of Angels

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!

Glory to God, glory in the highest:

Refrain

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

Newcomb Family
Jeff & Mary Newcomb, Zach Newcomb & Sarah Mrock,
Joe & Karen Newcomb, Khadija Lusansanya,
Kiran & Debbie Kamaranaj

Let us pray. **Lord of brilliant light, shine in our hearts tonight. Bring us to the manger with such longing for your love, bathed in the light of hope. Remind us that you are our hope and that through you will come peace, which will reign in our hearts forever. Amen.**

***HYMN, #41**

O Come All Ye Faithful (Verse 3)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord.

Lessons and Carols

LESSON 1

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Dieter Harle

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

For Unto Us - by Dan Edwards

LESSON 2

Isaiah 52:7-10

Dieter Harle

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prepare! - by Joseph Martin

LESSON 3

Psalm 96:1-3, 10-13

Katy Harle

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;

proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations

and among all peoples.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!

**The one who made the world so firm that it cannot
be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord,

for you come to judge the earth.

You will judge the world with righteousness

and the peoples with your truth.

*HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
(Music on the next page)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1. Good Christian friends, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;
 2. Good Christian friends, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;
 3. Good Christian friends, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;

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O give heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to -
 Now you hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for
 Now you need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to

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day! Ox and ass be - fore him bow, And he is in the man - ger
 this! He has o - pened heav - en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er -
 save! Calls you one and calls you all To gain his ev - er - last - ing

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now. Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

LESSON 4

Psalm 98:4-6

Katy Harle

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gloria / Angels We Have Heard On High

LESSON 5

Galatians 4:4-7

Rev. Craig Jan-McMahon

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON RESPONSE

Rev. Craig Jan-McMahon

Responding to the Good News

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Michael Swartz

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Savior of the Nations, Come - arr. Mockelbust

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God From whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LESSON 6

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Shirley Morton

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN**

What Child Is This?
(Music on the next page)

What Child Is This?

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major and 6/8 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple accompaniment. The lyrics are numbered 1, 2, and 3, corresponding to the three verses.

4 sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are
feed - ing? Good Christian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is
own him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en -

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are numbered 4, 5, and 6, corresponding to the three verses.

8 keep - ing?
plead - ing. This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and
throne him.

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are numbered 8, 9, and 10, corresponding to the three verses.

12 an - gels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

The fourth system concludes the hymn with a double bar line. The lyrics are numbered 12, 13, and 14, corresponding to the three verses.

LESSON 7

Luke 2:8-19

Brendan Young

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Breath of Heaven - arr. Lloyd Larson
featuring Sarah Mrock, soloist

Lesson 8

Matthew 2:1-11

Kim Fuller

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

O Little Town of Bethlehem - arr. Dan Forrest

Lesson 9

John:1-14

Rev. Craig Jan-McMahon

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Service of Light

*The light will be distributed from the Christ Candle to the first person seated in the pew.
Please share the light with the next person by tipping your unlit candle toward the flame.*

#60, Silent Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, All is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born, Christ, the Savior, is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Lights are turned on; candles are blown out.

Sending in Mission

***BLESSING**

You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

***HYMN OF SENDING, #40**

Joy to the World -arr. Dobrinsky

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing!

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove.
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonder of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love!

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



The Nativity, wood engraving by Gwen Raverat, 1916

Musicians

Campanella Ringers:

Kristi Bailey, Mary Curry, David Gimble, Linda Gimble, Tony Gimble, Nancy Michl, Christina Morgensen, Layne Porembski, Carla Stevens, Don Wood

Chancel Choir and Friends:

Sopranos: Marcella Armstrong, Kristi Bailey, Patti Ensey, Hillary Erb, Sandy Glass-Bailey, Nancy Keller, Sarah Mrock, Amy Neilsen

Altos: Audra Bailey, Emilia Deem, Michele Duckett, Barb Guss, Carolin Hohensee, Nancy Lackey, Linda Shearer

Tenors: Ben Holmes, Matt Holmes, Phil Koenig, Jeff Newcomb, Pat Rynott

Basses: John Erb, Curtis Fischer-Oelschlaeger, Al Guss, Hollis Hohensee, Joel Kolander, Wes Llewellyn, Lance Brendan Young

Chamber Ensemble

Violins - Mark Moen, Stephanie Moen, Karen Neder

Viola - Maggie Nedved, Debbie Wegener

Cello - Lily Moen

Flute - Lynne Stukart

Clarinet - Rob Miller

Trumpet - Travis Lopez

Percussion - Pete Philhower



Christmas Poinsettias

Given in memory of:

Our Grandparents:

Burl & Barb Deem; Roger & Bernice Deem

Ralph & Lois Martin; Harold Wade

Kathryn Jacobs

Gilbert and Dorothy Wiedenhoeft

Harold & Mildred Griffith

Karen Griffith Billman; Andy Billman

Tom & Ef Honsenga

Family & Friends

Paul Wadsworth

Nicole Miller Smith

Lawerence & Zella Brewer

Robert & Priscilla Seeds;

Robert & Norma Tunberg

Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Stotts

Given By:

Bradley and Emilia Deem

Sarah and Jake Dahl, Bekka Jacobs

Daughters Susan and Sally

Jeff and Pam Griffith and Family

Brown and Ulrich Family

Ray and Sheila Nelson

Lois Wadsworth and Family

Bob and Laura Miller

Larry Brewer

Jon and Michelle Tunberg and Family

J.R. and Toni Stotts



Christmas Poinsettias

Given in memory of:

*Robert Moore; Charles & Jane Bloome
Alma Moore & Thomas Rogers*

Jay Gale & Don Nordstrom

*Nicole Miller Smith; Richard Stanely Lance
Kenieth Michael Smith*

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William Wandrey Jr.

Grandpa

*Adolph & Carita Barth
Herbert & Phyllis Hohensee*

Carolyn Harris

Ken Workman & Kelly Bowden

*Ron & Doris Carlson & Janet Laub
Walter, Sheila & Grant McKernie*

Given By:

Diann Moore and Ashley Moore

Jim and Jeanne Gale

Josh, Mackenzie and Cameron Smith

Their Family

Beverly Leinfelder

JoAnn Wandrey and Family

Laura & Lisa Schippers

Carolyn and Hollis Hohensee and Family

Ralph Harris

Susan Workman

Cliff & Heather Carlson



Christmas Poinsettias

Given in memory of:

A. Willard & Vivian Larson

Charles & Helen Ortman; Bill Heald

Craig Morton & Jan Vrstal

Mike Wendt; Wendt Family; Barron Family

Cappy & Janet May; Galeno & Mary Panicucci

Dale & Ireta Shallberg; Sandra Shallberg Barrett

To celebrate grands: Sophia, Myles, Matthew, Rachel, & Lily

Louise & Charles Stisser

Violet, Oscar & Jay Armstrong

John Frederic Teufel

Bill & Billie Seesland

Norma Yake & Katherine Dedow

Joseph W. Glass, Rev. David T. Bailey; Ray & Fein Caton

Sara Wynn | Lois Florence | Kermit Wells | Melissa Bigelow | Barbara Trimble

Given By:

Barbara Larson

Families of James Millman
and Richard Parsons

Shirley Morton and Jack Vrstal

Pam & Cissy Wendt

Arno and Vivian Panicucci

Jack and Julie and Family

Carol Dyer

Marcella & Russ Armstrong

Susan LLeuwelyn

Their Daughters: Bonnie, Tooker and Eileen

Dyer Family

Sandy Caton Glass-Bailey

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