

# Welcome, All Worshipers

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.

*"When the whole world is running towards a cliff, he who is running in the opposite direction appears to have lost his mind."*

~C. S. Lewis

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(\* indicates when those who are able will stand.)  
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## Prelude

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please complete the Friendship Book as it is passed during announcements; then pass it toward the center aisle.)

**BORIS GERBER, LAY READER**

### \*OPENING HYMN: #158 O MORNING STAR

VERSES 1&2

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### Call to Worship - Advent Candle Lighting Service

(Please Refer to Insert)

### \*The Gloria Patri (sung)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. *Words: Anonymous, 4<sup>th</sup> Century.*

*Music: Henry Greatorex. This selection is in the public domain.*

### SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 11:1-10

### ANTHEM

CHOIR

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DEBORAH BUTLER

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

### SERMON: A PEACEABLE KINGDOM?

REV. JON GOUGEON

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

### \*HYMN: PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY (SEE INSERT)

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(PLEASE BE SEATED.)

### SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

MINISTER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD.

OFFERTORY

\*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. AMEN.

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (ALL): ALL GOOD GIFTS ARE FROM GOD.  
WE SHARE FROM OUR ABUNDANCE WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH  
PASSION FOR JUSTICE, AND WITH GOD'S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (PLEASE REFER TO INSERT)

### \*CLOSING HYMN: #110 NOW BLESS THE GOD OF ISRAEL VERSES 1-3

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### \*BENEDICTION

Minister: Let us join together and read responsively:

All: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

Minister: And the blessing God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. Amen.

\*UNISON RESPONSE: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen. *Words/music by Michael Joncas. Copyright 1979 OCP. Permission to reprint/stream obtained from One License #A-739847.*

### Postlude

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Lay Reader: **Boris Gerber**  
Altar Guild: **Vicky Lindsay**  
Ushers: **Max & Vicky Lindsay**  
Communion: **Vicky Lindsay**  
Fellowship Hosts: **Bonnie Bartz, Joe & Pat Garant**  
Advent Candle Lighters: **Linda Clegg and Marcy Sherman**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**  
and **Lynn Borke**  
Greeters: **Jere and Diana Standen**

**This Week's Calendar**

Sunday	December 4	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service and Fellowship
Monday	December 5	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday	December 8	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

**Announcements:**

- ❖ Please remember to check for Care Letters each week in the middle hall and to keep the recipients in your prayers.
- ❖ It's time once again for our Christmas Fund Offering for *Veterans of the Cross*. Kindly return the enclosed envelope with your donation to the church office, or by mail, or at a Sunday worship service. Thank you, Missions Committee.

*SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, shown on the Internet, as they are happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday services may be seen as part of the live-stream and recording.*

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A unisex handicap-accessible restroom is located through the doors to your left as you exit the sanctuary. A ladies' room is near the Lockwood Street entrance. A men's room is in the middle hallway.  
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# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 04, 2022

*We welcome people as they are,  
share Jesus as He is, and serve  
our community and the world in love.*



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