

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"We are not delivered from offenses, but it is equally true that we are not deprived of our refuge; our griefs do not cease, but our consolations are equally abiding."
~Augustine of Hippo

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

Prelude

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **MARILYN KETTLER, LAY READER**
(Please complete the Friendship Book as it is passed during announcements; then pass it toward the center aisle.)

***OPENING HYMN: #609 NOW IS THE TIME APPROACHING VERSES 1-3**
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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, 4th Century.
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SCRIPTURE: JEREMIAH 2:1-5

ANTHEM **CHOIR**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **DEBORAH BUTLER**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:36-44

SERMON: SEEING THE WORD **REV. JON GOUGEON**

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

***HYMN: #35 O MIGHTY GOD VERSES 1 & 3**
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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.**

***CLOSING HYMN: #107 AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MORN** VERSES 1, 2, 4
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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 MichaelJoncas. 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: Marilyn Kettler
Altar Guild: Cindy Straley
Ushers: Ron & Lynn Borke
Counter: Nancy Wedge
Advent Candle Lighters: Diana & Bob Kelly

Live Stream Operators: Jay Kettler
and Lynn Borke
Greeters: June Perry and Pat Labadie
Fellowship Hosts: Mary Minnick and Lynne Stewart

This Week's Calendar

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| Sunday | November 27 | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service and Fellowship |
| Thursday | December 1 | 5:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |

Announcements:

- ❖ Prayer cards for joys and concerns are available on the table in the Narthex.
- ❖ Christmas Eve Poinsettias for the Altar may be purchased by calling Nancy Wedge at 989-356-4402 by today, November 27. They may be dedicated "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one. The 6" plants are \$17, the 8" plants are \$27; and both are available in red or white.
- ❖ All church members and friends are invited to our Christmas Luncheon, Sunday, December 11 at 11:30am. Tickets for the luncheon are \$12 each and may be purchased by calling Nancy Wedge at 989-356-4402 by November 30.
- ❖ Feed A Family items needed: Hamburger and Tuna Helper, Rice & Sides, Noodles & Sides, 4-pack Pudding and Jello Cups, canned Ravioli and canned Spaghetti.
- ❖ Please remember to check for Care Letters each week in the middle hall and to keep the recipients in your prayers.

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

November 27, 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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