



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INVOCATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: In the midst of suffering and despair,

All: God's prophet cries, "Comfort!"

Pastor: Amid all that causes us pain, that brings us to tears,

All: God's care falls over us like a gentle rain.

Pastor: In this season of short days and long nights,

All: We are called to tend to each other.

Pastor: On this second Sunday of Advent, we give thanks for God's compassion for us.

All: Let us worship God together - Amen

* WE SING A HYMN

"O Come All Ye Faithful"
Red #148 v1,2,4

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greetings

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Kim Sisler and Family

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYERS OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE:

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

SERMON TITLE:

"PEACE BE WITH YOU"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONDING IN SONG:

"A Change is Gonna Come"
A Ben Solee Arrangement

COMMUNION

"Come, O Long Expected Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

MUSICAL OFFERING:

"The First Noel"
Flute Arrangement performed by Nancy Golden

* THE DOXOLOGY

WE DEPART TO DO GOD'S WORK

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

* CLOSING HYMN

"Happy Christmas/War is Over"
By John Lennon

* WE BLESS EACH OTHER

"God Be with You"
Using ASL

* POSTLUDE

Those in Need of Prayer

CCUCC MEMBERS: Jessica Parsons, Judy Slavik, Chris Rothgery, Karin Crivel, Ed Lotko, Elaine Valentine, Marge Ward, Marilyn Parker, Adam Szudarek, Judy Hutchinson, Shirley Gilreath, Holly McCain, Karen Boas, Sally Hartley, Mary Miller, Terry Bruce, Jane Stilgenbauer and John Bassett

Friends of CCUCC: Bill, Dal, Maureen, Aaron, Grace, Lori, Matt, Kristine, Lauri, Donna, Chad, Missy, Tracy, Ken, Sharon, Kat, Levi, Glenda, Tracey, Paul, Sara, Sharon L., Ron P., Sharon, Tanna, Ken P., Don, Dee, Jami, Carol, Jill and Larry, Josh, Bruce, Aaron, Naomi, Michael, Dave, Linda, Ron, Mike, and Matt M

Upcoming Events

Today:

Jr. High School Sunday School
High School Sunday School

Monday:

Amherst Community Meal 5-6pm
Community Music Event @7pm

Tuesday:

Finance Meeting @ 6pm

Wednesday:

SAM Committee Meeting @ 4pm at Maggie's
Choir practice @ 6pm
Bell practice @ 7pm

Thursday:

Men's Bible Study 7-9am
Staff Meeting @ 9am
Buildings & Grounds Meeting @ 4:30pm
Hospitality Meeting @ 5:30pm
Governance Meeting @ 6pm
Circle of Moms @ 6-8pm



Love Like Jesus

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please email all prayer requests to the office at office@theccucc.org before **Thursday at 10am**. If a prayer request is needed between Friday afternoon and Sunday morning, please directly contact Pastor Brian at 336-420-7840

UPPER ROOM: We have copies of the **NOV/DEC** Upper Room available in the back of the sanctuary. Please contact the office via email at office@theccucc.org if you would like a copy mailed to you.

VOCAL CHOIR: Choir practices every **Wednesday evening at 6pm**.
BELL CHOIR: Bells practice every **Wednesday evening at 7pm**.

COMMUNITY MUSIC EVENT: CCUCC will host Marion L Steele Madrigal Choir **Monday, December 8th at 7pm**.

JATW5K: Our annual 5K and mile walk will be Christmas Eve, **Wed., Dec. 24th** at 9am. Race packet pickup will be **Tues., Dec. 23rd from 4-7pm** in Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: We will have a Christmas Eve service on **Wed., Dec. 24th at 4pm**

LAST DAY TO DONATE: The last day to donate to towards your 2025 tithes will be **Sunday, Dec. 28th**.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR NURSERY CARE: There will be no Sunday School or Nursery Care services on **Sunday, Dec. 28th**



Grow in Faith

JR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our next Jr. High meeting will be today, **Sunday, December 7th** during worship in the social hall.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our next High School Sunday School meeting will be today, **December 7th** during worship

TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE: We are participating in the Toys for Tots Toy Drive again this year. We will begin collecting new unwrapped toys **until Friday, December 12th**. Please place your donations in the marked bins. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CHILDRENS PROGRAM: Our program, "The Light of Christmas" will be on **Sunday, Dec. 14th** There will be a Children's Christmas program Rehearsal on Saturday, **December 13 @ 9:30AM** in the church sanctuary.

TEEN GROUP: The next Teen Group will be **Thursday, Dec. 18th** from 6-8 pm

2026 MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS: We have several fundraisers coming up to raise funds for the 2026 mission trip. Please see weekly email for details

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Max Lotko Bell Choir Director
Shelly Hoffman..... Office Manager
Melissa Thompson Youth Director
John Herrmann AV Production Manager

Please silence your cell phones.

If able, stand where marked with an asterisk (*).

A large print Bible & hymnal are available upon request.



Serve Those in Need

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Christmas Fund

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross is a UCC Special Mission Offering that congregations have been supporting for over 100 years. Funds provide direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER CLUB: The next meeting will be **Mon., Jan. 5th @ 6:15pm**.

MEN'S BIBLE GROUP: : The men's group will meet on **every Thursday** at Commando Coffee Co., formally Sandstone Coffee, in Amherst from **7am-9am**. Pastor Brian Russell will lead the group.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: The women's group will meet on the **1st and 3rd Thursday** of the month at **10am** in Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be **Thursday, December 18th**.

CIRCLE OF MOMS: The next Circle of Moms meeting will be **Thursday, Dec. 11th** from 6-8pm.



*Peace Be
With You*



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Love. Serve. Grow.