



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

All - Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

All - Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

All -For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Leader: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.

All - Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.

Leader: Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.

All - God is coming indeed, to redeem the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equality and truth. Amen. Praise the Lord!

OPENING SONG: *"Angels We Have Heard on High" Red #155
John Herrmann on trumpet*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: THE HERRMANN FAMILY

SONG: *"In Every Age" by Janet Sullivan Whittaker
Carol & Breanna Pullins*

READING: ISAIAH 40:1-8

SONG: *"Carol of the Bells" by Mykola Leontovych
Elizabeth Russell & Pam Strohmeyer- Perez*

READING: JEREMIAH 23:5-6

SONG: *"Wexford Carol" arr. By Emma Langford
Beth Naro*

READING: ZECHARIAH 9:9-10

SONG: *"Hallelujah (Light has Come)" by BarlowGirl
Krys Mackowski & Beth Naro*

READING: ISAIAH 35:1-6

SONG: *"O Come All Ye Faithful" arr. by Cathy Stamegna
Choir, John Herrmann*

READING: HAGGAI 2:6-9

MUSICAL OFFERING: *"The Friendly Beast" by Robert Davis
Chris & Kathy Robinson*

READING: LUKE 1:26-35

SONG: *"Glory" by Gungor
Ary Casper, Marylen Marty,
Kate Naro, Charlie Wachholz*

READING: LUKE 1:46-55

SONG: *"Jesus, What a Wonderful Child" by Margaret Allison
Chris & Cathy Robinson*

READING: LUKE 2:1-7

SONG: *"Laudamus Te" by Antonio Vivaldi
Maren Jesko & Katlyn Banyas*

Those in Need of Prayer

CCUCC MEMBERS: Glenn Owen, 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, 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

READING: LUKE 2:8-20

SONG: *Christmas Lullaby" by John Robert Brown
Maren Rhoads*

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

SONG: *"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings" By BNL/MacLaughlin*

BLESS EACH OTHER IN OUR CLOSING CIRCLE

*"God Be with You"
Using ASL*

Upcoming Events

Today:
Lessons and Carols

Tuesday:
JATW5K race packet pick up 4-7pm

Wednesday:
JATW5K race @ 9am
Christmas Eve service @ 4pm

Thursday:
Christmas Day
Office is closed thru Jan. 1st



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 **JAN/FEB** 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**.

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**

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: The office will be closed from **Dec. 25th thru Jan. 1, 2026**

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

HYMN SING: 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 **Sunday, January 11th** during worship in the social hall.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our next High School Sunday School meeting will be, **January 11th** during worship

TEEN GROUP: The next Teen Group will be **Thursday, Jan. 22nd** from 6-8 pm.



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

Worship Participants & Staff

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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 8:30am to 12:30pm

Emily Marty	Music Director
Max Lotko	Bell Choir Directory
Jim Bryda	Bass
Marylen Marty	Double Bass
Brian Russell & Chris Robinson	Guitar
Brian Russell	Irish Bouzouki
Crosby Marty	Drums
Breanna Pullins	Flute
Ariana Buffa	Violin
John Herrmann	Trumpet
Choir, Katelyn Banyas, Ary Casper, Maren Jesko, Krys Mackowski, Marylen Marty, Beth & Kate Naro, Carol Pullins, Maren Rhoads, Chris & Cathy Robinson, Brian & Elizabeth Russell, & Charlie Wachholz	Vocalists
Pam Perez-Strohmeier & Elizabeth Russell	Bells

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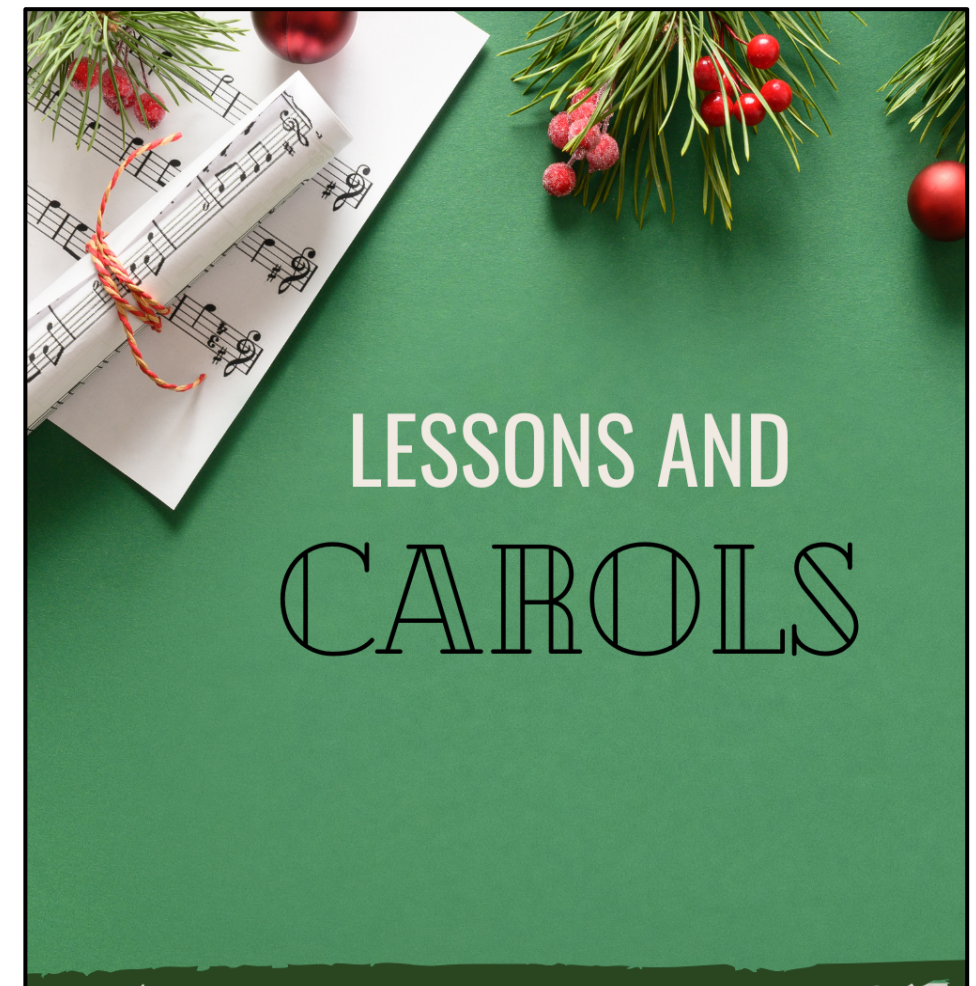
If able, stand where marked with an asterisk (*).

provide direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties.


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, January 15th**.

CIRCLE OF MOMS: The next Circle of Moms meeting will be **Thursday Jan. 8, 2026**, from 6-8pm.



LESSONS AND CAROLS



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DECEMBER 21, 2025

Love. Serve. Grow.