

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Welcome to the First Congregational United Church of Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

- Colossians 3:15

Our mission is to embrace people of every age and stage of life and help them become the most loving version of themselves as possible.

Welcome Music & Sharing God's Presence
"Surely God is in this Place" – Stephen Iverson
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Call to Worship: (WL = Worship Leader, M = Ministers)

WL: Welcome to Advent, a season of preparation

M: Let every heart prepare God room

WL: A busy and crazy time of year, when we are pulled in so many directions

M: So we've come here to get on the same page with our Creator, the One who knows us better than we know ourselves

WL: God, help us use this Advent season wisely

M: To deepen our connection to You, to one another, and to this needy and fear-filled world

WL: We're not here simply to listen to the same, old stories once again

M: We're here to jump into God's on-going love story, a story that's still being written

WL: God's love story is not finished; it's got plenty of blank pages for you and for me.

M: Thank you, Lord, for inviting us into Your story of love. Amen.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Doreen Dobosy & Lori Ferguson

Congregational Response

"Advent candles, warm and bright, fill the world with radiant light. Help us find the Promised One; guide us to the child who will come."

****Opening Hymn***

190 (R) – "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

****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. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 3:1-6

Thank you, God, for the many ways You still speak to us.

Children's Time

"Jesus Loves the Children" –by Rokko Jans

Jesus loves the children. He says, "Come unto me."

Lord, teach our hearts to open wide

Thy Kingdom comes to those who like a child

Come unto Thee

Offering

Offertory Music

“Wait, Watch!” by Frombach and Lantz

*Doxology

2nd Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:28-30, II Thessalonians 3:16

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Special Music

“Upstairs” by Toby Jones

Sermon

“Peace Within; Peace Without”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

****Closing Hymn***

478 (B) “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Benediction

****Sung Response***

Advent Benediction

Sung by Advent Choir

*You are invited to stand if you feel comfortable doing so.

*Please note that we have two hymnals, one is red (R), the other is black (B).

SUNDAY'S PARTICIPANTS:

Music Director: Rokko Jans

School of Love: Mary Fox

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Following worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall where today's coffee hour will be hosted by Pat Sepura and Mardee Storing.



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*