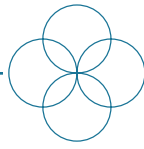


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus

Hope
Peace
Love
Joy



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



November 27, 2022

Welcome

Prelude

"Every Valley"
Chancel Choir

Victor C. Johnson
from Isaiah and Micah

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Marcia Storm

One: In the winter, we long for sunlight. We light candles to testify,
that the earth will turn and the light will come again.
In our lives, we long for Christ. We light candles to testify,
that the day will come when Christ will come again.

All: We begin with hope.

One: Why do we call this candle the candle of hope?

All: We call this candle the candle of hope because its light reminds us of the hope we have in God's promises even in the darkness. For our hope is in the Lord, who made heaven and earth, and who has promised to be faithful to us every moment of our lives. We also have hope that in Christ God will make all things new, and bring joy, peace, and love to all.

One: Let us hear what scripture has to say.

All: In the days to come the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of the mountains. It will be lifted above the hills; peoples will stream to it. Many nations will go and say, "Come, let's go up to the Lord's mountain, to the house of Jacob's God so that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in God's paths."

One: May those who feel hopeless take strength from the light of this candle.
May those who are full of hope shine with its light.
Now let us lift our voices to God together:

Hymn (Words on screen)

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Glory to God Hymnal

Praying Together

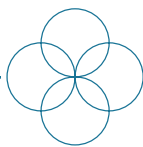
Barry Petracco, Liturgist

Holy God, we live as if you do not see us, do not see what we do and fail to do. Bring us blinking into the light that we may live as your children full of hope and truth and grace upon grace. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

One: Hear the good news! In Christ our hope of forgiveness is fulfilled.

All: He comes to break the power of sin and set us free again. Alleluia! Amen.



Call for the Offering

Offertory

"Romanza"
Max Gise, guitar

Anonymous

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Sermon

Active Hope

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Black Hymnal #102 *Verses 1 & 3*

"O How Shall I Receive You"

Gerhardt/Teschner

Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Black Hymnal #104 *Verses 1 & 3*

"We Hail You God's Anointed"

James Montgomery

Benediction

Postlude

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Toni Sheffer, organ

Vini, Emmanuel
arr. Rick Seaton

The liturgy is adapted from Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett and Deep Well Worship

CHURCH STAFF

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• Welcome to Christ Church

If you'd like information about our church, you can find our online service, newsletter, and much more on the church's website: christchurchft.org.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out our "Friendship Form" by scanning this QR code or going to:

<https://bit.ly/ccucc-welcome>



• Gifts for Children

We are supporting Washington UCC's gift giving program for families in need. **Please select a tag off the small Christmas tree.** Purchase the item on the tag and **return it to church next Sunday, Dec. 4.** All gifts should be **unwrapped** with the tag attached.

• Brighton Center

Keep purchasing boxed or bagged Mashed Potatoes for our annual food drive! Also, for November, please bring in: **Canned Soup and Macaroni and Cheese.**

• Ronald McDonald House Lunch

We are excited to serve lunch at Ronald McDonald House on **Wednesday, December 21, at 10 a.m.** Volunteers need to be at least 16 years old and will be required to wear a mask. Please email **Barb Korpik** by **Dec. 14** to volunteer or for more information.

• N. KY Youth Group

TODAY at 5:30 p.m. — Thanksgiving Party
Lakeside Presbyterian Church
2690 Dixie Hwy., Lakeside Park, KY

• Birthdays (No Anniversaries)

David Jager
Ken Honchell
Carolyn Cook
Lauren Thomas
Carole Lukjan
Ryan Vogel

• Discipleship Opportunities

Each week, we have several opportunities to grow in our faith. All are welcome!

Sundays, 9 a.m., Chapel: Currently studying "The One Year Bible NIV"

Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Parlor: Currently studying *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass. Please feel free to join!

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m., Zoom: Viewing and discussing a video series, *Bible Project*.

Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>

• Christmas Eve Services

Please note that there will not be a service at the church on Christmas morning but there will be an online service and resources for a service at home. There will be two services on Christmas Eve. Our **1 p.m. service** will involve our children and some important visitors. Our **10 p.m. service** is our traditional candlelight service.

• Prayer Changes Us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:
Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

Faye Gately, Jim Gracey, Margi McKenna, Al Rice, Mary Strange, Linda and Tara, Amber Schmidt, Dan Atkinson, Chris Witt, Marsha, Jeff Waxman, Roman, Lyuda and Natalka Shostak, Samantha Mecamp, The family of Lois Basham, Mike and Laura Randall, Thomas, Tice & Yon Cox, Dave Schwab, Genene Lyons, Robert Neace, Marcia Storm, Jean Mettens, The family of Marvin Cox, Marissa, Tim, Ev & Jack Weber, Jean Lacialley, Brenda Swan and family, Emma Hamann, Donna Hoffman, Joe Wuest, Sharon, Jessica, Owen, Shawna, The Griggs Family, Kelsey S. Foltz, Pierce, Tim Weber, Don Spaulding, Bonnie Hitch, Joy, Shawna T., Lydia Rose, David

(Names underlined indicate request for first name usage only)

Please call the office if you need a change.

(859) 441-2565

Beginning in January, we will start a new prayer list. Please call the office if you or someone you know would like to remain on the list.