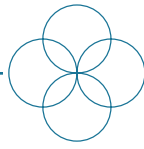


We embrace all as we journey  
**the way of Jesus**

Hope  
Peace  
Love  
Joy



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



January 1, 2023

**Prelude**

**"Carol of the Bells"**

*Ukrainian Carol  
Leontovich/arr Hayes*

**Welcome & Opening Prayer**

**One:** Lord of yesterday, today and tomorrow, we gather here this first Sunday of the New Year, in a mixture of hope, anticipation, fear, excitement, and expectation.

**All:** **We do not know what the year holds for us. There are things we are afraid of: worries about health and family, job security and finances. There is much to look forward to – weddings or anniversaries or baptisms, holidays to enjoy, friends to laugh with.**

**One:** Lord God, the coming year is full of uncertainty and hope.

**All:** **Whatever the year holds for us, though, we trust You, and we place every day of this year in your care knowing that, as in the past, You are with us, caring for us with constant love.**

**One:** And so Lord, we place ourselves into your keeping and dedicate our lives to your service through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

**Carols**

**Red Hymnal #90**  
*Verses 1, 5 & 6*

**"O Come All Ye Faithful"**

*Wade/Oakley*

**Red Hymnal #120**  
*Verse 1*

**"Ding! Dong! Merrily on High"**

*Woodward/Wyse*

**Prayer of Commitment**

*Nancy Barre, Liturgist*

**Lord, as this new year dawns, welcome.**

**Welcome into our world and into our lives. Sow light in our hearts. Let it germinate and grow and bring forth fruit. Birth in us something new.**

**Let your peace take root. Nurture it, encourage it to flourish.**

**Let your love blossom with the fragrance of patience and compassion.**

**Let it strengthen forgiveness and understanding.**

**Let your life emerge in us, through us, around us, bringing newness to all it touches.**

**Amen.**

**Offertory**

**Red Hymnal #108**  
*Verses 1 & 2*

**"Savior's Lullaby"**

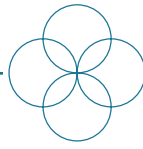
*Dawn Rodgers*

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 2:22-38**

**Reflection & Act of Dedication**

**Rev. Dr. Edward Goode**



## Carols

**Red Hymnal #116**  
Verses 1 & 6

**“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”**

*English Carol*

**Red Hymnal #11**  
Verse 1

**“What Child Is This?”**

*Trad. English Melody*

## Praying Together

## Carols

**Red Hymnal #126**  
All Verses

**“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”**

*H.W. Longfellow  
Jean Baptiste Calvin*

**Red Hymnal #138**  
All Verses

**“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”**

*Trad. English Carol  
Jones/Wyse*

## Benediction

## Postlude

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

*French Carol  
James Chadwick*

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## CHURCH STAFF

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**Rev. Dr. Edward Goode**  
Pastor

**Toni Sheffer**  
Music Director/Organist

**Max Gise**  
Guitarist

**Talia Zoll**  
Vocalist

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Bookkeeper

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Communications Director/Administrator

# Announcements

## • 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](http://christchurchft.org).

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

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



## • Hearing Assist Devices Available

Please tell an usher as you come in the sanctuary if you need a hearing assist device.

## • Sing God's Praises!

Chancel Choir meets on **Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary**. Please consider serving your church through singing God's praises in a small friendly group atmosphere. If you have questions, please contact Toni Sheffer.

## • Brighton Center

Please continue to collect the following items to help fill the most needed items:

**Canned Soup** and **Macaroni and Cheese**.

## • Lunch and Learn

**Join us on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 11:30 a.m.**

Our guest presenter will be Dr. Jeffrey Williams. His presentation "An Historical Perspective on Putin's War with Ukraine," should help us understand the events leading up to this recent war.

**Lunch: 11:30 a.m., Presentation: noon.**

For lunch reservations, contact **Nancy Hunter**.

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ramel Vogel

Steve & Fran McAllister      52 yrs.

*Let God grant what is in your heart  
and fulfill all your plans."*

—Psalm 20:4

## • Discipleship Opportunities

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

**Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room:** Starting January 8:

Learn more about the sacraments of the church with a video series by Rachel Held Evans

**Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Conference Room:** Starting

January 11: Prayerful poetry with Rev. David

Long-Higgins, our Heartland Conference minister

**Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m., Zoom:** Viewing and

discussing the video series, *Bible Project*.

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

## • N. KY Youth Group

**Sunday, Jan. 8 at 5:30 p.m.**, Regular meeting

Enjoy a meeting of fellowship and food

**Lakeside Presbyterian Church**

2690 Dixie Hwy., Lakeside Park, KY

RSVP at this [link](#)

**Sunday, Jan. 27 at 6:00 p.m.**,

***Ice Skating on Fountain Square!***

Join us for an awesome evening of skating on

Fountain Square. Registration in advance is

required. Suggested donation of \$15 per youth.

RSVP at this [link](#) to join the fun! Or go to:

<https://lakesidechurch.org/index.php/nkyyouth/>

**Sunday, Jan. 27 at 7:00 p.m.**,

***Winter Retreat***

**Knox Presbyterian Church, Hyde Park, Cincinnati**

Enjoy an overnight of fun, games, and food, and

learn how to be a better friend with the help of

Peer Ministry Leadership.

Register at [link](#) or go to: <http://www.cincinnatiptyc.org>

## • Prayer Changes Us

**Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:**

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

**Prayer Requests:**

Faye Gately, Jim Gracey, Joy, Genene Lyons,

Margi McKenna, Pierce, Ev & Jack Weber,

Don Spaulding, Tom Cox, Nicole and Zach Lawson,

Marie Shields, Barry Bordenkircher

(Names underlined indicate request for first name usage only)

**Please call the office if you or someone you know  
would like to be on the list: (859) 441-2565**