

December 29, 2024



Christ Church, UCC.

Welcome

Prelude

"Gesú Bambino"

arr. by Tom Fettke

Calia Burdette, vocals; Joy Burdette, piano

Call to Worship

Shelley Kappesser

Carols: *(Red Hymnal)*

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (#95)
"Silent Night" (#89)

Brooks/Redner
Grüber/Mohr

Praying Together (unison)

Let the love that shaped earth and heaven
dwell within us this Christmas.
Let the love that created humanity
dwell within us this Christmas.
Let the love that overcomes suffering and hatred
dwell within us this Christmas.
Let the love that causes us to rejoice with loved ones
dwell within us this Christmas.
Let the love that forgives and renews
dwell within us this Christmas.
Let the love that brings reconciliation after separation
dwell within us this Christmas.
Let the love that brings the blessing of peace
dwell within us this Christmas.
And may we share that peace
with all people near and far. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"Good King Wenceslas"

Neale/arr. John Stainer

Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures

Luke 2:41-52

Sermon

What Is It With This Kid?

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Carols: *(Red Hymnal)*

"O Holy Night" (#129)
"In the Bleak MidWinter" (#122)

Dwight/Adam
Rossetti/Holst

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Carols: *(Red Hymnal)*

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (#116)
"O Come All Ye Faithful" (#90)
"Joy to the World" (#92)

English carol/arr. John Stainer
John Francis Wade
Watts/Rider

Benediction

Postlude

"Savior's Lullaby"

Dawn Rodgers

• 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>



• Donations

If you would like to make an offering, you can put it in the plate during the service or you can give online using this QR code:



• Christmas Poinsettias

David and Marcia Hosea graciously donated poinsettias this year for the church. Please feel free to take yours home after the Christmas Eve service or the church service after Christmas.

• Office Closures

All staff will be working from home between Christmas and New Year's. Phone messages will be monitored from home along with any emails. The staff will be there for any emergencies. The Christ Church staff thanks you for giving them extra time with their families.

• Open and Affirming Process

If you have any questions about our Open and Affirming Process, please contact **Beckie Borah**.

• Stewardship 2025

Thank you for being part of Christ Church! If you have already sent in your commitment card, thank you! If you haven't please do so as soon as possible or consider using this QR code. If you didn't receive your commitment card, please contact the office at (859) 441-2565.



• Discipleship Opportunities

Each week... All are welcome! No need to sign up.

• Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room

Watching and discussing the series, "The Chosen" which covers Jesus' chosen followers.

• Thursdays, 12 p.m., History Room

A Bible study in December on the prophecies around the coming of Jesus, the Messiah

• Wednesdays, 3 p.m. (Online)

Sharing and reflecting on the spiritual poetry of Wendell Berry in December.

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

• Brighton Center

We are continuing to collect instant mashed potatoes and gravy packets in December. Thank you for your generosity!

• Prayer Changes Us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

Gary Kennedy, the family of Al Rice, Mike and Laura Randall, Stacey Seiter, Susan Snyder, Beth Caby, Naomi Carroll, Stephanie, Robyn Cox, Elsie Loos, Eve Wellborn, Stacey, Jamie & Kelly Greenwalt, Jennifer Flynn, Chris P., John Thomas Flynn, The Flynn Family, the family of Phyllis Clark, the family of Evie and Jack Weber, the family of Rev. David Schwab, the family of Doug Miller, the family of Judy Gadd, Carolyn Tyler, Denise, Makayla, Gregg Frank, Cathy Van Lierop, Gordon Braun, Howard Storm, Sharon Roach, the family of Shane Miller, Steve Jarboe, Bette Ament, the family of Stella Pendery, Mike Bizzarro, Suzanne Jones, the family of Carlie Mc Mahon, the family of Guy Traylor, Susan Gabbard, Dave Jager, Béné, Jim Rehtin Jr., Maggie, Gary Hunter, Audrey Bernhard, Jeff McDonald, Nancy Castleman, Carolyn Watts-Raisor, Brian, Gene, Nathan, Dominic, Fred Nippert
(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

We will start with a new prayer list Sunday, January 5.

If you would like to remain on the current list, please contact the office: (859) 441-2565