

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

Welcome, Announcements & Opening Prayer

Prelude

Advent Candle Lighting: The Candle of Joy *Dottie & Dudley Bailey*

*Hymn #244 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Celebration Hymnal

Gathering

Anthem

Scripture Reading Luke 1:57-66

Message

*Hymn#120 “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness” *New Century Hymnal*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer *(See back of bulletin for words)*

Cultivating Generosity – UCC Special Christmas Offering

*Doxology *(See back of bulletin for words)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn “Prepare the Way, O Zion” *Insert*

*Benediction

Postlude *(please remain seated through the postlude)*

Thank you to Lars Nielson, Deacon

Thank you to Jo Beth Dudley for the special music today

Calendar:

Wednesday, December 20: Choir rehearsal – Ladies Parlor – 6:00pm

Thursday, December 21: Longest Night Service – Sanctuary – 5:30pm, dinner to follow in LP

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary 5:00pm (no morning service)

On the evening of the Winter Solstice, Thursday at 5:30 pm, we’ll gather to make a beautiful and quiet space together, to name the darkness of this season in our lives and world, light candles for where we need the way of Christ’s Love to shine anew and remember loved ones. A special service to invite friends and family to for whom Christmas is a time of loss. We’ll have a special dinner afterwards here at the church. Let Peter or Pam know if you’d like to join us.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 3:00 PM
LITTLETON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

TICKETS AT THE DOOR — SUGGESTED DONATION \$15.00 — UNDER 18 FREE

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

December Prayer Requests

Barbara Holland	Linda and Bob Warden	Virginia Hyatt
Roberta Lavoie	David Sykes	Bill Mellekas
Rick Muh	Christina Waddell	Karen Proulx
Chrystalyn Molnar	Michelle Seekamp	Polly Ehrman
Jennifer Hines	Family of Don Lavoie	Rolla Gerlack
Jason Plummer	Family of Violet Hopkins	Jeb Kenison
Family of Karen Carbonneau	Tim Christ	Tina Peabody
Pat Whipple		

After 4 weeks names will be removed unless requested to continue.

Please contact Elaine Pollak, Caring Tree chair, at (802) 633-3669 or laneylou@gmail.com

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

It is our sincere hope that all who gather in this place will know and experience the love, forgiveness, hope, and new life available through Jesus Christ.

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Our Mission Statement:

As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.