

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Confession (unison): **God of the just and lasting Peace, we confess before you those places in our hearts where we have refused you entrance: there are people we do not want to love; wounds we would rather not have healed; good things we choose to leave undone; habits we'd rather not change even though they hurt you, ourselves, and our neighbors. Come to us now; shine the light of the prophet in the places we like to keep hidden from you. Teach our hearts the way of just and lasting peace, now and forever! Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #813

A Latin American Christmas Creed (*insert*)

The Story

The Meal

\*Hymn #612            “In This Very Room”

\*Benediction

\*Response #179            “Awesome God”

\*Postlude

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*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.*

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**December 4, 2016**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).

Gathering #244 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Lighting the Advent Candle *Isaiah 11:1-10*  
*Bob and Estelle LaFleur*

One: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

**All: The spirit of God shall rest on him;  
his delight shall be in the fear of God;  
with justice he shall judge the poor,  
and with fairness the meek of the earth;**

One: He shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

**All: The wolf shall live with the lamb when he comes,  
the leopard shall lie down beside the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.**

One: They will not hurt or destroy one another  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

**All: On that day the root of Jesse shall stand  
as a signal to all the peoples;  
the nations shall come seeking knowledge of him,  
and his dwelling shall be glorious.**

*(We Light the Second Advent Candle)*

One: We light this candle, a light in the darkness,  
praying for the day when the Prince of Peace will come.

**All: And all shall be well, and all shall be well,  
and all manner of thing shall be well.**

\*Hymn #255 "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Children's Time

Anthem "Prepare" *Nygard*

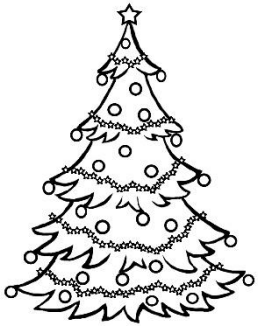
Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)  
Pastoral Prayer  
Savior's Prayer ("trespasses")

We Worship God with Our Pledges, Our Tithes and Our Offerings  
Offertory  
\*Doxology (#815)  
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon "and a little child"

\*Hymn *(insert)* "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"



### Be a Part of our Tree Today!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to make a special ornament for the church family tree. We will also be taking pictures of anyone who wishes to be part of the tree today for anyone interested!

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#### Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettia orders are now being taken. The cost is \$17.50. All orders must be given to Glenda Iles (444-5336 or cell 398-7353) by December 12<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "CHERRY BLOSSOMS". The poinsettias will be used at the service on December 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

| QUANTITY | COST EACH | TOTAL   |
|----------|-----------|---------|
| _____    | \$17.50   | \$_____ |

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/honor of (circle one):

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*All dedications must be given to Glenda in writing. Thank you very much.*



### Notices for the week of December 4, 2016 – December 10, 2016

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- TODAY.... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study – Classroom
- 10:00 am ....Worship Service, Communion and Sunday School
- 11:15 am ....Fellowship & Ornaments – Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 am ....Adult Bible Class
- Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath
- Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor
- Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor
- 6:30 pm ....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor
- 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- Thurs..... 6:30 pm ....Council Meeting – Classroom
- Fri..... 7:00 pm ....NA – Fellowship Hall
- Sat..... 7:00 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

AA meetings: Monday – Friday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Usher/Greeter:** Brenda & Ross Fairweather

**Coffee Fellowship:** CE/COG in the Fellowship Hall

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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**Two Wreaths were purchased by Glenda for the doors this week. If you would like to help with this expense, please contact Glenda!**

## December Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

### CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, the Youth of our Community, the future of our World, and Rev. David and Wilma Weddington as they participate and lead us into the future.

**Richard and Janet Nelson** – Janet – peace and acceptance. Richard – Doctors to find right meds to help his dementia and agitation. (Janet Nelson)

**The family of Rev. Dr. Thomas Campbell** – illness. (Martha Jane Aldrich)

**James Stewart & Family** – starting 12 week chemotherapy treatment for cancer spot on lung. He has two baby daughters as well as wife who needs prayers. (Tim Gould)

### Cancer

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)     | Arped Lind (June Davis)              |
| Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)  | Jennifer LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)       |
| Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)    | Diane Stinaker (Judy Warden)         |
| Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)     | Ray Morton (Dottie Morton)           |
| Peter Low (Tina Peabody)        | Joni Prell (Linda Warden)            |
| Robin Derrington (Emily LaFlam) | Rebecca Griffin Martel (Glenda Iles) |
| Judy Jalbert (June Davis)       |                                      |

### Illness/Recovery

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Joel Peabody (JoBeth Dudley)    | Holly Ramsdell (Donna Matz) |
| Wilma Spears (Donna Matz)       | Jeff White (Donna Matz)     |
| Jean Kimball (David Weddington) |                             |

## Family Issues

Aaron Morton (Dottie Morton)

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Anna Jackman (David Weddington)  
Family of Dotto Ruggles (David Weddington)

## Military

The names of people in the military are on the name board by office.

*To add a name to our prayer list, please fill out a blue card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate or hand them to a Deacon. The name will remain in the bulletin for approximately 4 weeks. We understand that some situations are very serious and a longer period of time would be helpful. You may call the office with any names that need to be added or to update the status.*

*If you or someone you care about would like a visit or call, please contact Pastor David at 603-991-0535 or Pam Nute at 603-444-3376.*

*If you have an emergency during the week and Pastor David is away, please call the church office at 444-3376 and Pam Nute will contact someone for you.*

*\*\*Names listed without original contact person will be removed from the list if we are not notified. In order to keep this list up-to-date, it is important that we be notified when someone should come off the list. Thank you.*

