

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
November 28, 2021

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

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #790 “We Gather Together”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Lighting the first Advent Candle *Phil and Joyce Krill*

One: As winter days dim and bow to early darkness, you, God of light, set watch in the night sky and beckon the wise to follow.

All: When hope hangs low in the human heart, you, loving creator, kindle compassion, breathing life into the early embers of change and empathy.

One: We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

All: We remember that, in Advent, we think of the gift of Jesus who brings hope to the world even now. Encourage us again to focus on that hope.

One: *(Light the candle.)* We light a candle for hope, sending to our prayers to you, O God. You are always faithful and keep your promises.

All: God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in you, so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts

*Doxology (#815)

Offering prayer

Scripture:

Jeremiah 29: 10-14

Mary Menzies

Romans 15: 1-12

*Hymn #539

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Sermon

“The Gift of Hope”

Alice Muh

*Hymn #245

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

verses 1-3

*Benediction

*Response #245 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

verse 4

Postlude

We welcome Alice Muh to the pulpit this week.

*Lectionary readings for Sunday, December 5, 2021:
Malachi 3:1-4 - Luke 1:68-79 - Philippians 1:3-11 - Luke 3:1-6*

Please note: Our guest leader, Rev. Jay Sprout, may or may not use these texts.

CHURCH STAFF

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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.*

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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.*

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