

**“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.”  
God is Still Speaking**

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE

*Ascension*

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

**December 5, 2021**

**11:00 AM**

*Second Sunday of Advent*



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**Order of Worship**

**PRELUDE**

“Calling in the Wilderness” (Mitchell-Keyes)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR/RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

**GATHERING**

**PROCLAMATION**

Malachi 3:1-4

*Waiting in Silence*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

The Graham Family

**HYMN**

“Woke Up This Morning”

*Public Domain*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, we confess that it is not easy to wait for you, our world worships the power that acts quickly through force; how difficult it is for us to wait for the power of your rule which comes slowly through love.**

**We admit, that while claiming to desire your reign of peace and justice, we take part in the ways of war, hatred, and injustice. We leave little room for you to act in our lives. We turn to you in repentance and openness to your Spirit. Forgive us and show us how to clear a path for you. Come to us in your Christ and reveal your reign on earth.**

*silent prayer of confession*

# KYRIE

Unison A D E A

1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri -  
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri -

F# Bm E A (A)

e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

The musical score is for a Kyrie in G major, 3/4 time. It features two parts: a Unison part and a second part. The Unison part is marked with 'A' and the second part with 'F#', 'Bm', 'E', and 'A'. The lyrics are: '1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.'

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### HYMN

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” *Glory to God 96*

### THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle Lesson Philippians 1:3-11

*please rise*

Gospel Lesson Luke 3:1-6

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

### THE SERMON

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Hand Bell Choir

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER

*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.*

*Forgive us our sins,*

*as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For Thine is the kingdom,*

*and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

# THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your dream for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *Glory to God 88*  
*Verses 1,2,6,&7*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

## POSTLUDE

“See God’s Salvation” (Bjor)

*Kitty Trow is asking us for prayers for her friend,  
Alice Sanseverino, who fell and is currently recuperating  
at Shannondell.*

## December Birthdays

12/5-12/11/2021

*Brielle Kleinert (7); Abigail Lynn Monaghan (9);  
Brian Paine (11)*

## December Anniversaries

12/5-12/11/2021

*Mike & Dawn Clayboss (6)*

You can honor a loved one for Christmas by ordering a Poinsettia or donating towards Greens. The order forms are in the Narthax or you can call the office.

## Christmas Caroling & Bonfire

Please join Ascension UCC on Friday, December 17, at 7:00pm for a community Christmas Caroling and Bonfire event.





"Good news . . . Great joy . . . All the people!" (Luke 2:10)

The past eighteen months have had a profound impact on UCC clergy and congregations--physically, emotionally, spiritually, and financially.

But because of gifts to the **Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross**, the people who have been affected the most have known they are not alone.

Last year, donations to the Christmas Fund helped pay the rent for low-income retired ministers and bridged the gap for one active minister's family when her husband lost his restaurant

due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Christmas Fund gifts took care of the unexpected expense of a major car repair, helped a retired minister attend his brother's funeral, and assisted in paying for daunting medical expenses, prescriptions, and groceries.

Gifts to the Christmas Fund bring relief and hope to those who have dedicated their lives to serving our churches. By supporting the Christmas Fund, you make a huge difference and bring great joy!

The Christmas Fund provides Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks for retirees and those facing unforeseen financial hardship.

**Join with others in the United Church of Christ to bring good news and great joy to those who have given so much to our church.**





*We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.*

*We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.*

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| <b>Ministers</b>                        | All the people of the Congregation  |
| <b>Pastor</b>                           | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier   |
| <b>Minister of Music</b>                | Dan Weckerly  |
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| <b>Secretary of the Consistory</b>      | Liam D'Aquila   |
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