

**“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 12, 2021

11:00 AM

Third Sunday of Advent



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Prepare Ye” (DuVernois)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHIMING OF THE HOUR/RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

**GATHERING
PROCLAMATION**
Zephaniah 3:14-20

Waiting in Silence

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Vanntchiakovski, Sophonie, & Soleica

HYMN
“I 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.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” *Glory to God 82*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle Lesson Philippians 4:4-7

please rise

Gospel Lesson Luke 3:7-18

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

We present to you, O God, our gifts. May they be used to make a difference in the lives of people where hope is scarce. May our gifts be a reminder, to those who receive them, of your love. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers” *Glory to God 362*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Every Valley Made Low” (Turke)

December Birthdays

12/12-12/18/2021

Jack Hale (17)



You can honor a loved one for Christmas by ordering a Poinsettia or donating towards Greens.

Please get your orders in by today. You can pick up an order form in the Narthax or you can call the office tomorrow.

For all who ordered Poinsettias and would like to take yours with you, we are asking if you can please wait until after service on 12/26. We appreciate all you do for Ascension UCC.

Christmas Caroling & Bonfire



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





Ascension UCC will be collecting for The Christmas Fund offering on Sunday, 12/19/2021. Please bring your envelope and place it in the offering plate, or you can mail it or drop it off at the church office.



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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| Ministers | All the people of the Congregation |
| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
| President of the Consistory | Liz Brunton |
| Vice President of the Consistory | Michele Luke |
| Secretary of the Consistory | Liam D'Aquila |
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Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham |
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