

This Christmas season, we honor and remember our loved ones  
with the beauty of poinsettias adorning the altar.  
Each poinsettia represents a cherished memory and  
the enduring love we hold in our hearts.

In memory of:

Margaret Boldenow	Anthony Edelen
Don and Evie Svien	Joe Edelen
Joyce Zimmerman	Patricia Chadwell
Ron Orr	Jeffry Fuller
Jim Orr	Al and Marion Thomas
Kelcy Orr	Molly Chaney Radtke
Frank Orr	David Beverly Sr.
Jerry Nygaard	Sally & Ralph Westergaard
Sally & Ron Arner	

If you contributed a poinsettia, please take it home by **Sunday, December 28, 2025**.  
Any poinsettias left after this date will be discarded.

Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Katie Miller - Sr. Minister	Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Benjamin Barth - Organist	Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director	Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/ Piano	Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Paul Ebsen - Media Director	Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

2025-2026 Interns

Maleah Wright - Choir, Soprano  
Alexis Meyer - Choir, Alto  
Sam VanGerpen - Choir, Tenor  
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# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Christmas Eve - 7:30 pm

Children are always welcome in our worship,  
but nursery care is also available downstairs.  
Hearing assist technology is available for worship services.

“\*” Please stand if you are able.  
Plain text-LEADER, **Bold text**-ALL

December 24, 2025

PRELUDE “Solemn March” Charles Gounod

WELCOME

INTROIT – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 116, v 1  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Child of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

\*HYMN “O Come All Ye Faithful” 135  
*Lyrics are printed on the green insert*

\*INVOCATION  
Holy God, on this night, the promise of the prophets bursts into song.  
In Bethlehem’s shadows, light is born, not in a palace, but in a manger.  
We gather carrying both wonder and weariness, hope and heartbreak, longing and love. Meet us here, O God of nearness. Warm the cold places in us.  
Illuminate what feels dim. Remind us again that you arrive quietly and that your light still reaches us, still changes everything. God with us, be present now. Amen.

MUSIC TO INSPIRE                      “Still, Still, Still”                      Luboff  
UCC Pop-Up Choir

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9: 2-7

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

**MUSIC TO INSPIRE**      **“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”**  
**Performed by Gretchen Burbach, Paul Ebsen,**  
**Bruce Gray, Cindy Gehm, Alexis Meyer**

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-20

HYMN	“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”	131
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MEDITATION

HYMN "What Child Is This" 148  
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## A TIME FOR PRAYER

## Silent Prayer

Litany Prayer    *Response: God with us, hear our prayer*

## Lord's Prayer

MUSIC TO INSPIRE

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

On this night, we remember that God's greatest gift was not wrapped in gold, but placed gently in human hands. As we share our offerings, we join the long story of people who have chosen generosity over fear, hope over scarcity, light over darkness. May what we give tonight help love take flesh again in this world God so dearly loves.

OFFERTORY                      “What Child Is This”                      Harris

***\*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Generous God, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to bring light where shadows linger, peace where fear still reigns, and hope where it feels hardest to believe. May our giving reflect the love you have shown us - freely given, humbly offered, and always rooted in grace. Amen.**

* HYMN	“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”	143
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WORDS OF BLESSING

CANDLELIGHTING                      “Silent Night, Holy Night”                      134

\*BENEDICTION

Go now into the holy night, carrying the light that cannot be extinguished.  
May the peace of Christ guard your hearts,  
may the love of God surround you,  
and may the Spirit's gentle glow  
guide your steps into a world still waiting for dawn.  
For tonight, and always—  
God is with us.  
Amen.

POSTLUDE      “Sept Pièces en Sol Majeur et Mineur, no.1”      César Frank

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## “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Lyrics

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

*Refrain:*

O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.

God of God, Light of Light,  
lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten not created;  
*[Refrain]*

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
*[Refrain]*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
*[Refrain]*

## “What Child is This” Lyrics

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

*Chorus:*

*This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
*[Chorus]*

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
*[Chorus]*