

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec 7

NO Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship- Bell Service
11:30 am Pancake Feed- Confirmation Fundraiser
NO Confirmation II
NO Confirmation I

Tuesday, December 9

10:00 am- Noon Coffee with Pastor Katie @ The Bean

Wednesday, December 10

5:30 pm LAF
NO UCC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 14

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship- Christmas Pageant
11:30 am Coffee Hi
4:30 pm Confirmation II
6:00 pm Confirmation I

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
Charlee Huska - LAF, Nursery
Tommy Gress - Organ



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday Worship - 10:30 AM

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 7 - Annual Advent Choral Service

PRELUDE “Ring With the Angels” arr. Brenda E. Austin Bell Choir

WELCOME
Friendship Pads
Announcements
Joys and Concerns
Please also complete a “Prayer Card” and put it in the collection plate.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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 Interns

NOTE: Lessons and Carols began at Truro Cathedral in England on Christmas Eve 1880, created by Bishop F. W. Benson as a service of scripture and carols. In 1918, King’s College, Cambridge adapted the format for its own Christmas Eve service, and later BBC broadcasts helped spread it worldwide. The core of the service remains the same: retelling the Christmas story from the fall of Adam to the coming of the Incarnate Word.

VERSE 2- choir & congregation
God's spirit freely flows, high surging where it will;
God spoke of old in prophet's word; that word speaks still.
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep written on the human heart, in every land.

VERSE 3- choir & congregation
God has eternal life implanted in the soul;
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
All praise the living God! All laud that hallowed name,
Who was and is, and ever shall be still the same!

THIRD LESSON (Isaiah 9:2, 6,7) Christ's birth and rule of peace and justice are foretold by Isaiah.

5. COMFORT, COMFORT, O MY PEOPLE Choir, organ, strings, hand drum

MUSIC TO INSPIRE "Aurora" by Benjamin A. Tucker Bell Choir

FOURTH LESSON (Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9) The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

6. LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING Choir, a cappella

FIFTH LESSON (Luke 1:26-35, 38) The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will be the mother of Jesus.

7. THERE IS NO ROSE SSA choir, organ, strings

SIXTH LESSON (Mathew 1:18-23) Saint Mathew tells of the birth of Jesus.

8. GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE
*Congregation please join in singing verses 1 & 3 when cued

VERSE 1- choir & congregation
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now,
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

VERSE 2- choir only

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SEVENTH LESSON (Luke 2:8-16) The shepherds go to Bethlehem.

9. ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
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VERSE 1- choir and congregation
Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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OFFERTORY "In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. Mark Longfield Bell Choir

EIGHTH LESSON (Matthew 2:1-11) The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

10. FROM A DISTANT HOME TB choir, piano, strings, percussion

NINTH LESSON (John 1:1-14) John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

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Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
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VERSE 2- choir and congregation
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rock, hills, and plains
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