

December 13 - Third Advent

Provide Bread & Prepare
 Communion Warwicks
 Greeter Gretchen Pope
 Worship Leader Christine Denny
 Deacons Olin Shane
 Jane Shane
 Bev Beck
 Barb Minear
 Communion Prayer Karen Vroman
 Sunday School Teacher Lynn Heuss
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean Drue Cavanaugh
 Fellowship Refreshments Sharyl Smith
 Church Transportation Drue Cavanaugh
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December 20 - Fourth Advent

Provide Bread & Prepare
 Communion Karen Vroman
 Greeter Sue Courtney
 Worship Leader Karen Vroman
 Deacons Sue Courtney
 Doug Minear
 Jay Sohn
 Julie McClatchey
 Communion Prayer Drue Cavanaugh
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean Jane Shane
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Dec. 13	Dec. 14	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20
Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Children's SS 10:15			Out-to-Lunch 11:30 a.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.			Adult SS 8:45 a.m.
Annual Congregational Meeting Following Worship	Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.	11th Step Centering Prayer 6:30 p.m.	Community Movie Night at UUCC 6:00 p.m.		Food Pantry Christmas Offering Received
			Choir 7:30 p.m.				

**Polar Express
 Pajama Party
 Friday, December 18th from 6-9 pm**

UUCC has partnered with Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN) to host a community movie night Friday, December 18th from 6-9 pm. This is a new mission outreach opportunity that UUCC and other local churches are offering the 3rd Friday of each month from November-February. We will offer a light soup/sandwich supper, childcare, crafts and a movie. If you love PJ's, hot chocolate and the Polar Express, please consider joining us. A special appearance is possible by the one and only Polar Express Conductor!

covenant christian church



december 13, 2015

We are spiritual seekers
 working to grow in our love of God,
 deepening our connection to each other and
 sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

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Please note that our sound system is equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop. If you are wearing hearing aids, please turn on "T Coil" mode for best hearing assistance.

December 13, 2015
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

A WORD OF WELCOME

Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row.

PRELUDE "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentle Ones" arr Wolaver

*OPENING HYMN #143 "Joy to the World"

*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive) Christine Young-Denny

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

He was in the beginning with God.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

John 1 and Philippians 4

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Christine Young-Denny

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #125 "Come, O Long-expected Jesus"

Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.

From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.

You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;

dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "Advent Meditation" Lieberman

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG/LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

SUNG RESPONSE #128 (Verse 3)

Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth, join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.

Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.

One candle is lit for the joy of these days.

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Philippians 4:4-7 pg. 198 Christine Young-Denny

MORNING PRAYERS/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, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "Extreme Joy" Rev. Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION #160 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Call to Giving

Offertory "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" Longfellow

*Response of Praise #162 (Verse 3)

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come rich and poor, to own him, the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

*Prayer for the Consecration of Gifts

Christine Young-Denny

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are invited to the table of the Lord. We individually partake of the bread and cup.

Please serve the person next to you by holding the tray.

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "O Come, Oh Come Emmanuel" arr Lanz

Karen Vroman

*HYMN OF PRAISE AND COMMITMENT #150 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*POSTLUDE

*BENEDICTION

Please join us for fellowship and coffee following our congregational meeting which is just after worship.

Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister
Judith Henry, Music Director