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**Columbia United Church of Christ**

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*December 15, 2019*

*10:30 Worship*

*"Joy"*

*\*indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

*"...come, let us sing a song to the LORD;  
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"  
-Psalm 95:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

*"In Dulce Jubilo"*

Amy Crousore  
*JS Bach*

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Abby Dennis

\*Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 95)*

Llona Weiss

Come, let us sing praises to God!

Let us make a Joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation!

**We come into God's presence with thanksgiving;  
Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

Come, let us bow down;

Let us approach God with reverence and joy.

**For God is our Creator, our shepherd;  
And we are the people of God's pasture;  
the sheep of God's hand.**

Today we listen to God's voice;

God brings Joy to all God's precious children.

**In this Advent Season we gather, proclaiming Joy.**

**We embody God's gift of Joy in our lives!**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"*

*#4*

\*Opening Prayer

Llona Weiss

**God of Joy; in times of deep despair, when the pressures of the world seem insurmountable, the light of your JOY shines clearly. Sometimes we fail to see it because our eyes are shrouded by fear. Help us to realize your promises are true. Forgive us for the times we lose sight of you; and remind us to always find room in our hearts for your JOY. In this Advent Season of preparation, assure us once more that your JOY is eternally blessing our lives. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Joyful, Joyful, we adore you; God of glory, God of Love. God melts our clouds of sin and sadness, driving the storms of doubt away. In the promise of the Christ Child, God reminds us that we are never without Joy; God’s presence is always with us. God loves us, forgives us, redeems us. Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow!

\*Prayer Response “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus;  
Look full in his wonderful face;  
And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace!**

\*Sharing God’s Gift of Peace

*At this time, you are invited to greet one another  
with a hug or a handshake and the words,  
“May God’s Peace be with you!”*

Children’s Time

“Joy”

“Like a Child Jesus Comes”

**Like a child love would send to reveal and to mend,  
Like a child and a friend, Jesus comes!  
Like a child we may find claiming heart, soul and mind,  
Like a child strong and kind, Jesus comes!**

*The Symbols of Christmas*

*CUCC 2019 Sunday School Christmas Program  
arranged by Jessica Lucas and Kristin Veteto*

*The family is preparing for Christmas; children and their mother are decorating their house. As they decorate, they reflect on the symbols of Christmas.*

Mother: Kennedy Lucas

Children: Emily Malicoat, Zabibu Kibaro, Addison Melton,  
Aidan Pierson, Katelin Odneal, Grace Evans, Trevor Pierson

“O Christmas Tree”

Children and Youth

The Symbol of the Evergreen Tree

John 6:33

Polly Fuller

The Symbol of the Ornaments

Deuteronomy 16:17

Lilly Jaberg

The Symbol of Lights and Candles

Matthew 5:14-15

Riley Hayward

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

Congregation

(vs. 1,4,5 insert)



Presenting our Gifts

Amy Crousoire & Harry Beckett  
"Joy to the World" *Jim Hammerly*

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\*Response "For the Fruit of All Creation" #425

**For the Fruit of all Creation, thanks be to God.  
For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!**

\*Prayer of Dedication Llona Weiss

**God, we give thanks for the gift of Joy that Christ brings. During this Advent Season we prepare our hearts to receive it. Now take these gifts we offer. May they be used to convey the Joy that you offer to all the world. Amen.**

\*Benediction Pastor Rick

\*Response: "Let There be Peace on Earth"  
**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!  
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!  
With God our Creator, Children all are we!  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!  
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!  
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

\*Postlude Amy Crousoire  
"God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen" *Bill Wolaver*

### **CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;  
No matter where you are on your faith journey;  
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;  
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;  
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;  
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;  
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Carol Duermeyer & Helen Schultz  
**Ushers:** Charlie Marcks & Brent Marcks  
**Sound Booth:** Doug Privitt  
**Worship Leader:** Llona Weiss  
**Hospitality:** Lena Muench  
**Acolyte:** Abby Dennis  
**Council Steward:** Doug Privitt



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Greeters:** Audrey Lasley & Stefanie Zimny  
**Ushers:** Doug Privitt & Mahree Skala  
**Sound Booth:** John Graves  
**Worship Leader:** Judi Privitt  
**Hospitality:** Sue Ann Schaefer  
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**WELCOME GUESTS!** If you are a guest visiting with us this morning, please fill out a green card found in your chair pocket; and leave it in the offering plate when it is passed. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Rick! We would love to get to know you better!

**NAMETAGS** We strive to be a friendly and welcoming church! Members and frequent guests, please wear your nametag each Sunday so we can greet each other most effectively and become an even friendlier church!

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### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING TODAY**

We will gather at Lenoir Woods today (12/15) at 4:00pm for Christmas Caroling! After Lenoir we will visit The Bluffs, Columbia Manor Care Center, and Mill Creek Manor at 6:00; then go to Doug and Judi Privitt's house for a Christmas Party. All are welcome to come and carol with us, bringing the joy of the season to the residents!

### **LODO CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Our preschool ministry will have their annual Christmas program this Thursday at 6:30pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend, to support our LODO program! Come hear the joy of the littlest ones as they sing the carols of the season!

### **CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

You are invited to a Christmas Open House at the Oberle Home on Friday, December 20 from 5:00-8:00pm. Come and go as you wish! 3905 Snow Leopard 65202. All are welcome! Appetizers, cookies and snacky foods will be served.

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	12/15	<b><i>Children's Christmas Program</i></b>	
		Men's Breakfast	7:30am
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Worship/Children's Christmas Program	10:30am
		Christmas Caroling— meet at Lenoir	4:00pm
Mon	12/16	Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs	10:00am
		Pastor Rick leads worship at Mill Creek	11:15am
		Loaves and Fishes	4:30pm
		Building and Grounds Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tue	12/17	Quilters	9:00am-2:00pm
		Staff Meeting	10:00am
		Council Meeting	6:30pm
Wed	12/18	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:30pm/7:30pm
		Confirmation	6:30pm
Thu	12/19	Lunch Bunch featuring LODO singers	12:00pm
		LODO Christmas Program	6:30pm
		Clergy Personnel Committee Meeting	7:30pm
Fri	12/20	Christmas Open House at Oberle Home	5:00-8:00pm
Sun	12/22	<b><i>Jesus' Birthday Party</i></b>	
		Fellowship Time/Sunday School	9:00am
		Jesus' Birthday Party Begins	9:00am
		Worship	10:30am

# **Columbia UCC Prayer List**

*Please keep in your prayers this week...*

The Family of Jim Davenport... on their loss (12/6)  
The family of co-worker Jason... on their loss (12/8)  
The family of Gary Unterschultz... on their loss (12/2)  
For Bill Helvey... who has been in the hospital (12/8)  
Harold Hackman... recovering from knee surgery 12/6  
Troy and Joan Bentlage... health issues  
Shirley Lawler... recovering from broken hip at Lenoir Rehab  
Wayne Gartner... diagnosed with cancer (Laura's brother)  
Norma Klemme... recovering from broken leg  
Rev. Dr. David Beebe... living with cancer (Oberle's friend)  
Keith Birkes... recovering from broken ankle  
Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer  
Our church... as we live into our call as an ONA congregation  
Dale Gregory; Christine Mseke, Bea Gordon;  
Gary Ehrhardt; Lasley Family; Remeika/Johnson family  
Sheila... challenges in life and faith  
Amy Koerkenmeyer & the Malicoat Family;

## *Health Issues:*

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Kathy Kindrick; Christie O'Very;  
Nathan Schnell (Isaiah's friend); Sharon Elliott, Rev. Jim Elliott,  
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Harold Hackman;  
Sue Beckman; Dennis Froeschner; Donald Long (Vena's husband)

## *Pregnancies in our church family:*

Makayla Smith and Joey Oberle  
Coleen & Tim Williams (Bullerd's daughter)

## *Serving us in the military:*

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson  
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)  
Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)  
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends); Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin);

## *UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:*

Jeff Wright, serving in Israel/Palestine

## *2020 Confirmation Class:*

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly