

Columbia United Church Of Christ

November 27, 2022
"Confirmation Sunday"



CUCC

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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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Of Christ*



November 27, 2022

10:30am

"Advent I- HOPE"

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

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah "

Amy Crousore
Yiddish Folk Tune

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 27)

Aidan Pierson

Blessed be the LORD, who alone does wonderful things.
Blessed be God's glorious name forever.

**We pray for HOPE in God's Creation;
For God's glory to fill the whole earth.**

From oppression and violence God redeems us;
God brings HOPE to all God's precious children.

**In this Advent Season we gather, proclaiming HOPE.
We embody God's lesson of HOPE in our lives!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn "Christians All, Your Lord is Coming"

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

Danielle Dreier

**God of HOPE; as we begin a new year in the church today, and
as our Confirmation students dedicate themselves to you, we
also re-dedicate our lives to your service. Forgive us for the
times we forget our Confirmation promises. Draw us ever
closer to you, that we may live faithful lives of service. Light in
us the candle of HOPE; that we may in turn light the candle of
HOPE in all whom we meet. Ignite our souls; that our lives may
be lived to your glory. In Jesus' name we offer our Advent
prayers; Amen**

*Assurance of Blessing

Trevor Pierson

*The Advent Season prepares us for the coming of the Lord once more in
our lives! But even when we are distracted by the commercialism of the
season, God loves us and forgives us and points us toward the manger.
Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and
blessed. Praise be to God!*

*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

Trevor Pierson

May God’s Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children’s Time & Lighting the Advent Candle

Pastor Rick

Response:

“Like a Child”

(Sung as children return to their seats)

*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 Rite of Confirmation and The Sacrament of Baptism:

Affirmation of Faith

Invitation

Questions of the Candidates

*Affirmation of Faith *(United Church of Christ Statement of Faith)*

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ; binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

Prayer Response

“Grant Us Peace”
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
Hear our prayer, O Lord!
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!

The Rite of Confirmation: Reception into Membership

Covenant with the Candidates

*Congregational Welcome

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of Christ.

Mission Moment

Voluntary Action Center

Mark Duncan

Stewardship Moment

“Giving Tuesday”

Keith Birkes

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

Invitation to the Offering

To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041
You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com

Offertory

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Amy Crousore

13th century plainchant

*Prayer of Dedication

Danielle Dreier

God of all love, in this Advent Season we anticipate your incarnation in our lives once more. As we anticipate your presence, we express our HOPE for your Kingdom in our midst. With HOPE in our hearts, we offer these gifts; and pray that they may be used to restore your 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

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

Amy Crousore

Swedish folk tune /Anne Kreuntz

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Confirmation Class
Acolyte:
Ushers: Donnie Helmreich & Jessica Lucas
Greeters: Helen Schultz
Technology Booth: Matt Lucas & Kennedy Lucas
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
Council Stewards: Lydia Whitacre & Kristy Hayward

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Lena Muench
Acolyte: Aidan Pierson
Ushers: Phillip & Linda Neale
Greeters: Susan Dunham
Technology Booth: Lorry Dreier & Ted Dachroeden
Hospitality: Sue Ann Schaefer
Council Stewards: Sue Ann Schaefer & Kurt Heine

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NURSERY CARE... is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS WITH PASTOR RICK

Join Pastor Rick in small group gatherings to reconnect, hear details of his Sabbatical experience, and talk about where we have been as a church and where we are going. Gatherings will be held 12/1 at 7:00pm, 12/8 at 7:00pm and 12/15 at 2:00pm. Want to sign up? Email the church office or talk to Jessica Lucas or sign up after worship in the Gathering Space.

TURNING POINT

One of the many services Turning Point offers is a place for guests to shower. Turning Point is in need of hotel size toiletries- particularly soap and shampoo. Please place donations in the container in the coat room.

SABBATICAL FEEDBACK FORM

The Sabbatical Team is so appreciative for all of the extra help that many members contributed over the last three months, and are interested in getting feedback from the entire congregation. See the Friday update for a clickable link to the form or there are paper copies of the form inside the main entrance.

COOKIES BY THE POUND

It is not too early to start thinking about Advent! We will be celebrating Advent with many activities this year, including our annual cookie sale! *COOKIES BY THE POUND* will be on Sunday, 12/11 in the Gathering Space. WE NEED YOU to bring your favorite homemade cookies to church **by 9:00am** that Sunday (or the week prior). We will be selling cookies that morning for \$8/ pound. Proceeds will go to the Nurture & Education Designated Fund

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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| Sun | 11/27 | <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> | |
| | | Sunday School for all ages | 9:00am |
| | | Fellowship Time | 10:00am |
| | | Worship (in person and livestream) | 10:30am |
| Mon | 11/28 | NO Staff Meeting | |
| | | Health Care Team | 7:00pm |
| | | Bells/Choir Practice | 6:00/7:00pm |
| Tue | 11/29 | Quilters | 10:00am |
| | | Membership & Care Ministry Team | 6:30pm |
| Thu | 12/1 | Small Group with Pastor Rick | 7:00pm |
| Fri | 12/2 | Church Women United at CUCC | 9:30am |
| Sat | 12/3 | Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas | 9:00am |
| Sun | 12/4 | <i>First Communion for Confirmation Students</i> | |
| | | Sunday School for all ages | 9:00am |
| | | Fellowship Time | 10:00am |
| | | Worship (in person and livestream) | 10:30am |
| | | Heritage/Centennial Team | 12:00pm |

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

The family of John Bernhardt... on their loss
Vernie Blank ... recovering from a stroke. Moved to REACH at Lenoir
Ed Rollins (& family)... recovering from brain surgery
The family of Andrea Waner . . . especially baby Millie; home from ICU!
Troy Bentlage... recovering from a broken hip and COVID
Joan Bentlage... recovering from COVID
The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend
Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families
The Williams, Piersee, Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Tiffany Brookshire; Glenn Duermeyer; David Martin;
Levi Markway; Christine Mseke;
Gene Kelly... living with cancer (Jim & Connie Loveless's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,
Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson,
Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Tim Isom (Oberles' friend)
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

2022 Confirmation Class:

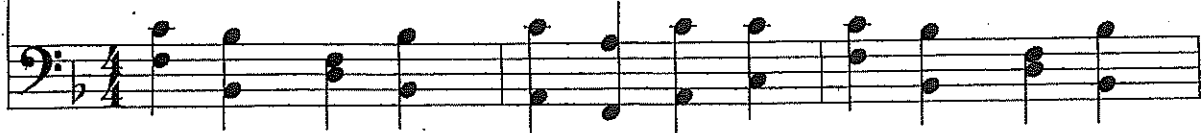
Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson; Lawson Flood-Lorber

*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:
Welcoming all God's Children;
Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;
Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;
Building a supportive church family;
Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach*

136 Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming



1. Chris-tians all, your Lord is com-ing, draw-ing near in
 2. Chris-tians all, your Lord is com-ing, call-ing you to
 3. Chris-tians all, your Lord is com-ing, he will rise up
 4. Chris-tians all, your Lord is com-ing, hope for peace is



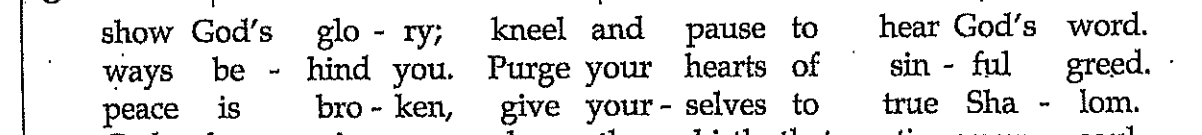
ho - ly birth. Ring the bells and sound the trum-pets,
 serve in deed. See the ones who hurt and suf - fer,
 from the dead. Lift the cup, of sin for - giv - en;
 now at hand. Let there be no hes - i - ta - tion,

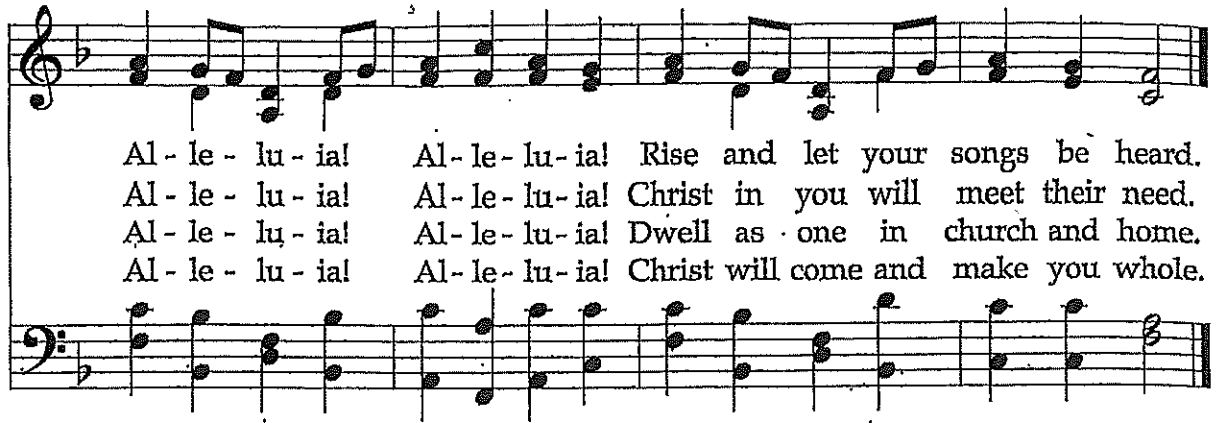


let your mu - sic fill the earth. Dance and move to
 hear their cry and act with speed. Set all self - ish
 bless the host and eat his bread. Mend the ways where
 walk in faith where life de - mands. Bear the word that



show God's glo - ry; kneel and pause to hear God's word.
 ways be - hind you. Purge your hearts of sin - ful greed.
 peace is bro - ken, give your - selves to true Sha - lom.
 God has giv - en; share the birth that stirs your soul.



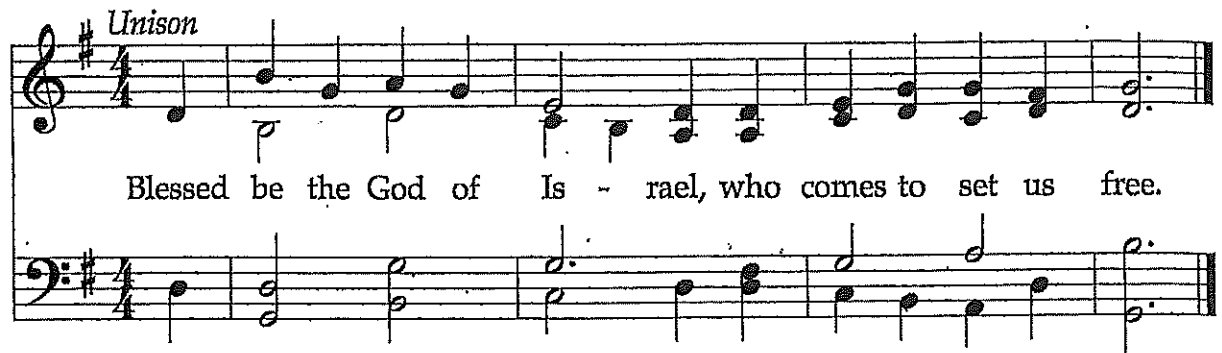


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and let your songs be heard.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ in you will meet their need.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dwell as one in church and home.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ will come and make you whole.

Song of Zechariah

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RESPONSE



Unison
 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free.

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
 who has come to set the chosen people free.

God has raised up for us

a mighty savior from the house of David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old
 to save us from our enemies,
 from the hands of all who hate us;

to show mercy to our forebears,

and to remember the holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our ancestor Abraham,
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 free to worship without fear,
 holy and righteous in God's sight,
 all the days of our life. R

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
 to give God's people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God,
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace. R

Cookies by the Pound



Sunday, December 11- 9:00am

The Nurture and Education Ministry Team is hosting the Annual Cookies by the Pound Fundraiser on Sunday, December 11 with all profits going to the Nurture & Education Designated Fund. Here is how you can help:

- Bring donations of Cookies & Candies to church early on December 11 or the week before
- Purchase Cookies and Candies on December 11- \$8/pound

Enjoy a great assortment of cookies and candies this Advent Season with the diverse variety of Cookies- By the Pound!

