

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

December 11, 2022

*"Advent III"*



# CUCC

**Columbia United Church of Christ**

## **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.

*Columbia  
United Church  
Of Christ*



*December 11, 2022*

*10:30 a.m.*

*"Advent III- Joy"*

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

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"A Child is Born"

Chapel Ringers  
*Linker/arr. McFadden*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Trevor Pierson

\*Call to Worship

Llona Weiss

*This morning's Call to Worship is based on Luke 1:46-56; the song of praise  
and thanksgiving that Mary sang after the Annunciation of the Lord  
Commonly referred to as "The Magnificat"*

My soul magnifies the LORD,  
And my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior!

**God has looked with favor on us,  
God's lowly servants; and blessed us.**

The Mighty One has done great things for us  
Holy is God's name!

**God's mercy is for all the generations!  
God has shown strength and perseverance.**

God has scattered the proud  
and brought down powerful, arrogant oppressors.  
God has lifted up the lowly and filled the hungry with good things.

**God has helped us, God's servants, mercifully,  
Remembering their promises to our ancestors and our  
descendants. Come, let us worship God!**

\*Gathering Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

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\*Opening Prayer

Llona Weiss

**God of Joy, we celebrate your Advent this morning. As we do,  
we hear about the expressions of Joy in the lives of Mary, of  
John the Baptizer, and others who walked with Jesus, and we  
pray that we may receive that same Joy in our lives as well.  
Forgive us for the times we let the weariness of the world  
interrupt your gift of Joy. Open our hearts to your goodness**

**and grace as we anticipate your birth in our midst once more. Teach us to sacrifice and serve, as Mary and John the Baptizer did, and let their lives of service be examples for us all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

*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

Pastor Rick

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!***

Epistle Lesson

James 5:7-10

Llona Weiss

*The author of the letter attributed to James writes of Jesus' return, telling his disciples to be patient and wait for Jesus. How can we take this wisdom into our own lives and prepare for Jesus' birth in our midst once more? (page #982)*

Gospel Reading

John 1:29-34

Llona Weiss

*John the Baptizer had been testifying about Jesus for some time now, and today he sees Jesus coming towards him. His whole life has been spent preparing the way of the Lord, and now it comes to fruition. He continues his testimony, pointing others to Jesus. (page #862)*

## *Advent Sermon in Song*

*featuring the Celebration Singers and the Chapel Ringers*

*Brandon Brown, MM Conductor/Coordinator*

*Amy Crousore, Accompanist*

“Let’s Rejoice”

*Betty B. Green*

“Angels from the Realm of Glory”

*Dan Forrest*

“There Shall a Star from Jacob”

*Felix Mendelssohn*

“Mary Had a Baby”

*Bruce A. Thompson*

Congregational Hymn

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

*(insert)*

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

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! Amen!*

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

“Deck the Hall ”

Chapel Ringers  
*Valerie W. Stephenson*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Llona Weiss

**God of Joy, as we experience the Joy of worship and praise this morning, we are reminded that there are many across your world for whom Joy seems very distant. We pray that these gifts we give today, these expressions of our Joy, be used to bring Joy to all who are hurting. We dedicate our Joy to you. Amen.**

\*Benediction

Pastor Rick

\*Response

**“Let There be Peace on Earth”**  
A new arrangement featuring the  
Celebration Singers and Congregation  
Paul Anderson II, soloist

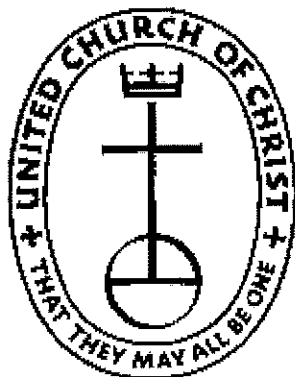
arr. *Jeffry Moore*

**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

**“The King Shall Come ”**

Amy Crousore  
*Wyeth/arr. Anne Kreuntz Organ*



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Worship Leader: Llona Weiss  
Acolyte: Trevor Pierson  
Ushers: John & Brenda Muench  
Greeters: Anne Heine  
Technology Booth: Josh Muench & Carissa Graves  
Hospitality: Mark Duncan  
Council Stewards: Mark Duncan & Tricia Price

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Judi Privitt  
Acolyte:  
Ushers: Mahree Skala & Llona Weiss  
Greeters: Jessica Lucas  
Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & Doug Privitt  
Hospitality: Jo Ellen Grace  
Council Stewards: Lydia Whitacre &

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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!

**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.

**OPEN HOUSE AT THE OBERLE'S HOUSE 12/17**

You are invited to the Oberle's house, 3905 Snow Leopard Drive, this Saturday, 12/17 from 4:00-7:00pm! Come and go as you are able, and share in this social time to welcome the holidays! We hope to see you Saturday!

**EAT WITH EIGHT- SIGN UP TODAY**

Don't be left out in the cold! Sign up for Eat with Eight. This is an opportunity to get together over great food and fellowship once a month between January and April. Ideally you'll be with different people each month. It's a great way to meet others in the church and enjoy some great food and fellowship. For questions or to sign up, contact Anne Heine. We have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex too. Sign up today!

**CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP**

Christmas Eve worship will be at 7:00pm and 11:00pm with communion served at both services. We will have worship at 10:30am on Sunday, Christmas Day. 12/25 worship will be casual, with carols, prayers and a brief devotional.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	12/11	<b><i>Advent Cantata/Advent Banquet</i></b>	
		Sunday School Christmas Program rehearsal	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Mon	12/12	Staff Meeting	10:30 a.m.
		LODO Ministry Team Meeting	5:30 p.m.
		Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
		Music & Worship Ministry Team	6:30 p.m.
Tue	12/13	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:30 p.m.
Wed	12/14	Chapel Ringers Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.
		Prayer Shawl Team	6:00 p.m.
		Celebration Singers Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thu	12/15	Small Group with Pastor Rick	2:00 p.m.
		LODO Christmas Program	6:00 p.m.
Sat	12/17	Open House at the Oberle's House	4:00-7:00 p.m.
Sun	12/18	<b><i>Sunday School Christmas Program</i></b>	
		Men's Fellowship breakfast at Hy-Vee	7:30 a.m.
		Sunday School Christmas Program rehearsal	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.

# **Columbia UCC Prayer List**

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

Ed Kaiser... recovering from surgery  
Cliff Beckman... recovering from surgery  
The family of Mel Wilson... on their loss  
Autumn Lear & Jay Chase... baby due any day now!  
The family of Andrea Waner . . . especially baby Millie; home from ICU!  
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; Joan & Troy Bentlage  
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)

## *Pregnancies in our church family:*

Autumn Lear & Jay Chase  
Shelby Oberle & Ryan Furney

*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*



# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;  
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,  
 3 You are giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,  
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

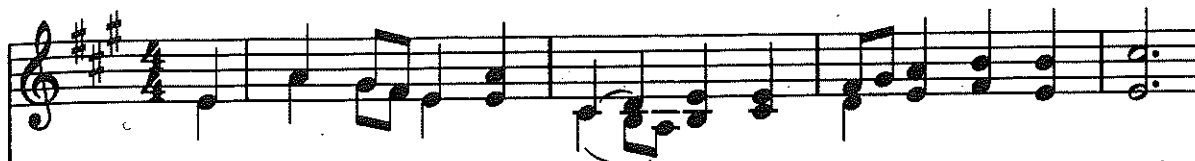
Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, and poet.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824



1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da-vid's great-er Son!
2. He comes with suc-cor speed - y to those who suf-fer wrong;
3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit-ful earth;
4. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;



Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.  
his king-dom still in - creas - ing, a king-dom with-out end.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap-tive free;  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light,  
Be - fore him, on the moun - tains, shall peace, the her-ald, go,  
The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, are pre-cious in his sight.  
and righ-teous-ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val-ley flow.  
his name shall stand for - ev - er; that name to us is love.

