

Church of Christ, Congregational

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Our Mission

We seek to be a Christian community
by worshiping God through prayer, music, and the proclaimed Word.

Following Christ's example,
we enthusiastically reach out to everyone with compassion, respect and love
so that we may grow in faith and commitment together.



January 5, 2025

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Worship God, Serve our neighbors, Share God's love

Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 10:00am ~ Epiphany

*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music: *Instrumental*

***Call To Worship**

One: In our search for deliverance

All: God draws us into the heart of love.

One: Guiding us through lands unknown,

All: God accompanies us on the journey.

One: With the Holy as our guide,

All: We will encounter Christ incarnate.

***Opening Prayer** (together)

Mysterious One, throughout the ages you have been revealing yourself in new ways, drawing us more deeply into relationship with you. In Christ, you took on flesh that we might recognize your presence with us – weeping with us, eating with us, struggling and dreaming with us. Open our hearts, O God, to the ways you continue to reveal your love in our midst today. Amen.

***Hymn B-165** *Love Came Down At Christmas*

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon- How Dreamers & Diviners Defied a King's Power

Hymn R-143 *We Three Kings*

The Church at Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Our Personal Prayers in Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (please use the wording with which you are most familiar.)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 *Instrumental*

A Time of Offering

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *Holy, Holy*

arr. Tom Fettke

Prayer of Dedication (together)

Holy One, in a spirit of awe we offer these gifts. For you have led us to Love, invited us to linger in Love's presence, and promised us that no matter where we go, Love will go with us. May these offerings also be swept into the embrace of Love, to be channeled in the direction of all who hunger for your presence. Amen.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above your heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

One: The Holy One be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

All: We open our hearts to you, O God.

One: Let us give thanks to God, who welcomes the stranger

**All: to the One who reaches across every border,
we give thanks and praise**

Prayer

One: Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, singing praise to you,

All: Holy, Holy, Holy One.

God of justice and love

Heaven and earth are full of your wonder

Hosanna among us

Words of Institution

One: In remembrance of all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ was birthed among us.

Christ was killed among us.

Christ rises again among us.

Sharing the Elements

Communion Music *Lamb Of God*

arr. Tom Fettke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, this meal we shared together is a celebration of your revealed presence among us, guiding us like the light of Epiphany. May it remind us of your radical embrace of the outcast, and strengthen us to find your glory in new and unexpected ways. Amen.

***Hymn B-589** *Let There Be Light, O God Of Hosts*

***Benediction**

Postlude *Three Kings Fantasy*

by Gregg Sewell

Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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**Have a prayer request?
Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the prayer chain at mejensen7@verizon.net**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

M&M's (Monday Morning Needlework Group)

Join us from 10am-12pm in the parlor. Bring your handwork or just come to socialize, we'd love to see you there!

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor James via phone

Call or text (774)993-9407

Christian Origins Book Club

Grab a coffee hour snack and bring it with you to the Parlor. New Year, new book, and a new meeting time!

Join us starting January 19th at 11:30am.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday January 5 Epiphany/ Three Kings Day

10:00 am ~ Worship and Communion

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

Monday January 6 ~ M & M's

10:00am-Noon in the Parlor

Friday January 10 ~ Trivia Night

6:30pm Fellowship Hall

Sunday January 12

10:00am ~ Worship

11:00am ~ Refreshments



