



Second Sunday
of Advent

Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

December 8, 2019

Welcome to worship! As you settle in for worship, please feel free to light a candle of prayer in the chapel area (*right side of sanctuary*). The children will be with us through the baptism, then may be excused to their classes. There is nursery care available throughout the service, and a crying room for those who become inconsolable.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Sylvia Berry, Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley, Moderator

*HYMN

'Standing In the Need of Prayer'

No. 579

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Reader 1: Today we light two candles- the first Candle is called **HOPE** and it is a reminder that God's promises are true.

Reader 2: The second Candle is called **PEACE**, God's gentle loving peace for our lives.

Reader 3: We seek God's peace in this time of stress.

Reader 4: Come, all is ready. Let the light of this these candles, called HOPE and PEACE, bring brightness to your spirits.

INTROIT

'A Gospel Song of Peace'

Sally K. Albrecht

GATHERING PRAYER

MISSION MOMENT

*Asterisk indicates all who are able may stand
Bold print indicates congregational response



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Being baptized today: Ramsey William Fraser, born on August 29, 2019 to Jennifer Lee Fraser and Corey Alan Fraser

QUESTIONS FOR BAPTISM

Do you desire for your child to be baptized? **We do**

Do you promise to be Christ's disciple, follow Christ's way, resist evil and oppression, and witness to Christ's work and word? **We do**

*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT (*please rise*)

Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to this child about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ? **We do**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*remain standing*)

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

PEOPLE: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED (*in unison*)

We give you thanks Holy God, mother and father of all the faithful, for this baby who is today washed in the water of Baptism. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, value, love, support, nurture and befriend this new member of the body of Christ.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: and also with you

*GLORIA 'Emanuel, Emanuel' No. 134
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 11:1-10
Lay Reader: Alice Farnsworth

ANTHEM 'E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come' Paul Manz
Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Words related to Revelation, Chapter 22

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON Rev. Patricia Hayes

HYMN 'Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus' No. 125

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.

OFFERTORY 'Advent Alleluia' HYFRYDOL,
arr. Douglas Wagner

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; From our fears and sins
release us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Alleluia.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King. Born to reign in us forever, now
thy gracious kingdom bring. Alleluia.

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

'There's A Song in the Air'

No. 159

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Serving Today:

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister
Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Sylvia Berry, Organist
David Wilcox, Sign Language
Loren Stott, Sign Language
Deana Colby, Hospitality Team Leader

All are invited to coffee and refreshments in the fellowship hall downstairs following the service. If you are visiting, we hope that you will return another week, and participate in any and all events, classes, and groups that are listed. If you are interested in exploring joining the church, please join Rev. Patricia at the table furthest away from the coffee in the fellowship hall right after church.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM

This week we will be having Honey Balsamic Glazed Chicken with Roasted Potatoes and a Salad Bar. Please sign-up at the information counter. Suggested donation of \$7 - \$10 (family cap \$25), All invited!

WANTED - Unscented tea light candles for the candle screens. We are almost out.

Thank you, The Deacons Team



POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE TODAY!

There are order forms on the information counter.



OPEN TODAY!

CHRIST CHURCH
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MIDDAY MUSIC
"The Feeling of Christmas"
Wednesday, December 11th
12:15 pm
Brian Edwards,
Guest Organist

Free event
Donations Accepted for
The Organ Fund



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NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
POP-UP CHRISTMAS SALE
Gifts for pets, Blankets, Bandanas, Scarves
and many lovely decorations!



Advent Workshop

December 15th
@ 11:30am



DECEMBER 22nd
Pageant Worship
Lunch
Christmas Concert





CHRISTMAS EVE will be celebrated in one service at 7pm. Bring your family, bring your neighbors, bring your friends - it is a wonderful service.



Being the Church: Testimonies Of Faith
Our church book can be pre-ordered today - 45 church members' stories, paperback, \$5.00

PRAYER CONCERNS

We pray for those who cannot be with us at church:

Steve & Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Louise Duhamel, Russ Gillpatrick, Janet Hodnett, Edie Liolios, Ruth Melanson, Geneva Prince, Arthur Sawyer, Barbara Smith, and Anna Thomas.

And for those who are ill or need extra prayer:

Kathy Alden, Lindsay Alden, Carol Beffert-Banks, Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Linda Berry (Sylvia's mother), Bob Brown (friend of Luanne Cockshaw), Carole Clark, Luanne Cockshaw, Luke Creedon, Frank DePaola (Denise Cahill's brother-in-law), Bobby Dornan (friend of Janet Hodnett), Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Lucy Guarnieri (cousin of Elizabeth Vann), Dan Harrigan (Cara's husband), Stephanie Hathaway, Rev. Fred Hayes, Tatum Hayes & Family (Jay Sparling's friends), Dick Hill, Gayle Howard (Matt's cousin), Heidi Kilpatrick (Barbara Moody's friend), Sheila Klecha, Patty Linder (friend of Denise Cahill), Kayleigh Lopez (Lisa Sparling's niece), Carl Manoogian (George's son), Linley Menard, Patricia Merianos (Dot Quimby's daughter), Sandy Peterson Nuzum (friend of Barbara Moody), Jaymie O'Connor (friend of Sarah Sparling), Mary Poole, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), Luane Rich, Monica Schmidt (friend of Lily Radau's), George Sparling (Jay's cousin), Rich Vick, Henry White, Norma Williams and we pray for the family of Edward Francis (friend of Barbara Moody).

For those in the military, especially:

Scott Allen, Kathleen Crooker Hamilton, Michael J. Harris, Andrew Johnson, Jeff Kennedy, Alex (Pasha) Ozelius, Major Steven Simmons, Derek Stanley and Bradford Townsend.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 12/8

8:00am Adult Ringers
9:55am Worship - Advent 2
11:30am Music Meeting
11:40am Confirmation Class
3:00pm Jubilate Chorale Concert

Tue. 12/10

7:00pm Fiber Fellowship
7:00pm Search Committee Meeting

Wed. 12/11

10:00am Bible Study
12:15pm Midday Music Organ Concert
1:30pm Afternoon Bells
2:30pm WOVOS
6:00pm Dinner
6:45pm Adult Choir
6:45pm BIC Meeting

Thur. 12/12

4:30pm Staff Development Meeting
6:15pm Media/Tech Meeting
7:00pm Transition Team Meeting
7:00pm Finance & Property Meeting

Sat. 12/14

Choir Caroling (See Murray)

Sun. 12/15

8:00am Adult Ringers
9:55am Worship - Advent 3
11:15am Junior Ringers
11:15am Youth Choir
11:40am Confirmation Class
12:00pm Advent Workshop



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