



**Christ Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
***Creating Beloved Community***

9:55 a.m.

December 29, 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 throughout the service. 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

'Good Christian Friends Rejoice'

No. 164

GATHERING PRAYER

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:7-9

Lay Reader: Alice Farnsworth

REFLECTING ON THE YEAR ABOUT TO PASS

What three things brought you the most joy in the past year?

Three large, empty, wavy-edged rectangular boxes are provided for writing answers to the reflection question. Each box is designed to accommodate a list of three items.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(together)*

**Gracious God, as we come to the close of the year, guide us to be reconciled with ourselves, with our families, with our neighbors, and with you. Guide us in the ways of peace. For the things we have done, and the things we have left undone, we ask forgiveness. Amen.**

KYRIE recording of Nancy Davis singing 'Balm in Gilead' with the choir

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(please stand)*

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: and also with you**

\*GLORIA 'Angels We Have Heard On High' refrain

No. 155

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:10-18

Lay Reader: Jan Howard

REFLECTING ON THIS MOMENT

What three things do you appreciate right now?

Three large, empty, wavy-edged rectangular boxes stacked vertically, intended for writing reflections. Each box has a decorative, scalloped border.

HYMN

'What Child Is This'

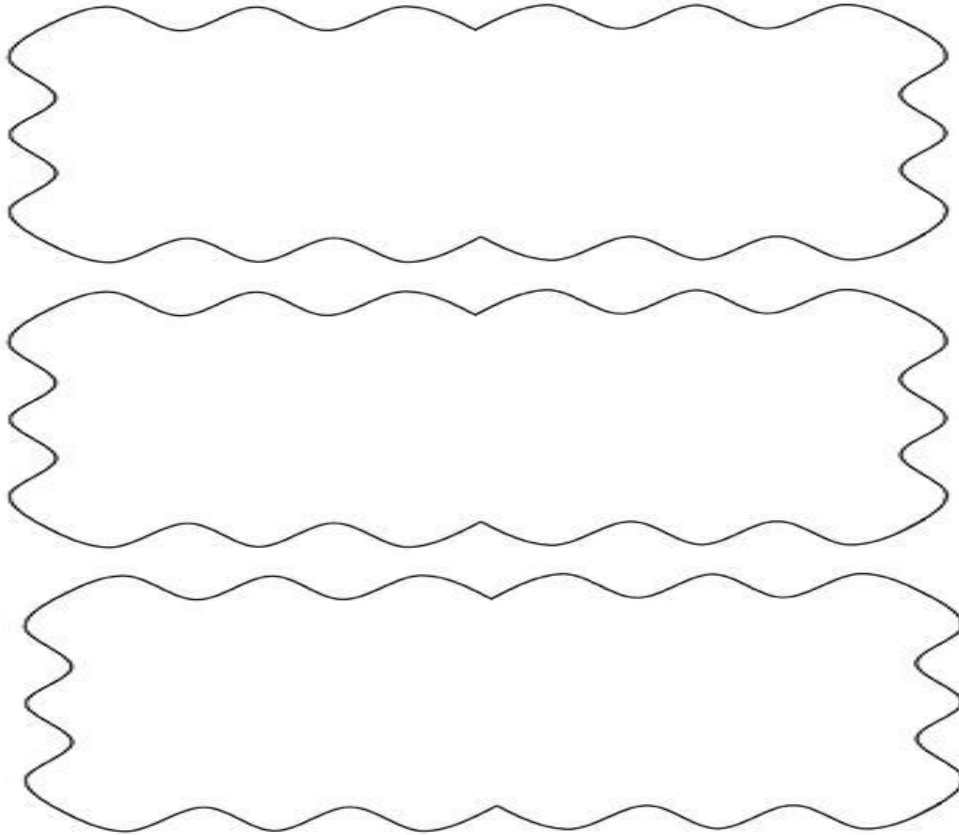
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THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:13-23

REFLECTING ON THE COMING YEAR

What three things do you hope for, plan for, pray for in the coming year?



HYMN

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime'

No. 166

HOMILY

Rev. Patricia Hayes

SOLO

'I Wonder as I Wander'

Alisa Cassola, soloist

Appalachian Christmas Carol

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I...  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.



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.

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**NO WEDNESDAY DINNER JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

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**Being the Church: Testimonies Of Faith**

Our church book is HERE!

45 church members' stories, paperback, \$5.00

Available for purchase or pick-up **TODAY!**

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**You are cordially invited  
To a Celebration of the ministries  
Of the Reverends Patricia and Fred Hayes  
On Epiphany Sunday, January 5, 2020**



This will be RP's and Fred's final Sunday with us after 14 years of faithful service.

- \* We begin with a special worship service with RP's farewell sermon and Communion.
- \* Expect surprises and presentations during worship and also during the buffet luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall.
- \* A festooned basket will gladly receive your cards and notes.
- \* Deacon Jeff Illsley is receiving monetary contributions for the Thank You gift to be presented to RP and Fred.
- \* RP is looking forward to a dessert table with all her favorites. Can you bake or make a special yummy dessert?

**Come join the Celebration on Sunday, January 5th!**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Steve & Carolyn Bennett, 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, Nancy Clark (Carole's daughter), Luanne Cockshaw, Luke Creedon, 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, Norma Williams and the family of Nancy Davis.

### **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. 12/29**

9:55am Worship

12:00pm Junior/Senior Group Lunch, Post Holiday Party & LaSalette

**Wed. 1/1**

Happy New Year

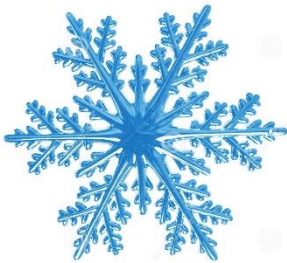
**Thur. 1/2**

7:00pm Deacon Meeting

**Sun. 1/5**

9:55am Worship

Celebration luncheon after worship



Please check Channel 5 (TV), the website, or the church answering machine if it is actively snowing before heading to church. We do cancel if people are being asked to stay off the roads or if there is no power at the church



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**Welcome!**