# United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri

**Rev. Russell Cobb** 

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

Mrs. Stacy Friedrich

Sr. Choir Director

# **December 18, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent**

\*All those who are able, please stand

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Lena and Lee Bieri

Welcome and Announcements

\*Processional Hymn No. 100 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Call to Worship: LOVE (*Please be seated.*)

Advent Reading: Love (from 2 Samuel)

Leader: Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of HOPE, PEACE and JOY.

Lighting of The Candles of HOPE, PEACE, and JOY

Leader: Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of LOVE.

Lighting of The Candle of LOVE.

Leader: Jesus demonstrated self-giving love in his ministry as the Good Shepherd. Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others, and sharing with others. It is a time to love as God loved us by giving us his most precious gift. As God is love, let us be love also. From the Gospel of John, we hear: Congregation: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

# Prayer of the Day:

Teach us to love, O Lord. May we always remember to put you first as we follow Christ's footsteps, that we may know your love and show it in our lives. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus' birth, also fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know your love and the one whom you have sent, your son, our Savior. Amen.

Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

Act of Praise "Gloria Patri" (printed on laminated card in pew rack)

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children – "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time

Carla Clennin

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

\*Response "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Prayer of Dedication

# ~Sr. Choir Christmas Cantata~

# Night of Wonder

Narrators: Kendra Hall & Allan Mortenson Accompanist: Ellen Ash

On a Night of Wonder
Let the Christ Child In
Listen Here, Listen Here
Once In Royal David's City
Gentle Mary, Tender Mary
Angels We Have Heard on High

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response –

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels' guide, uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet . . . till we meet; Till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet . . . till we meet; God be with you till we meet again.

\*Postlude

Thank you to the **Howard Family** for leading the Advent Call to Worship this morning.

## Activities Calendar: December 18, 2022 ~ December 25, 2022

# Sunday, December 18, 2022, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School - Cookies and Carols

10:30 a.m. - Worship

7:00 p.m.- Salem UCC Christmas Program

## Monday, December 19, 2022

5:00 p.m. Brotherhood-Christmas Caroling

# Tuesday, December 20, 2022

9:00 a.m. - Prayer Cell

# Wednesday, December 21, 2022

12:00 p.m.- Women's Guild – Pamela Hill's home 6:30 p.m.- Christmas Eve Practice (dress rehearsal)

## Saturday, December 24, 2022

7:00 p.m. UCC Christmas Program

11:00 p.m. Salem Christmas Eve Service

## Sunday, December 25, 2022 Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. - Worship -Holy Communion

Looking ahead..... December 26, church office closed

January 2, church office closed

Annual Reports for Committees & Organizations are due in the Church Office by December 30, 2022. Financial reports are due by January 6, 2023.



Thank You!!! Thank You!!

We have the most amazing and giving church family! Thanks to everyone who took Angels from the Angel Tree, your generosity was overwhelming! Our church family has made Christmas special for 21 Angels in our community, plus we were able to pay-it-forward for gift cards for our church benevolence needs.

**Carole and Carla** 



Salem UCC Christmas Program – Tonight at 7:00 p.m. Featuring the Sounds of Joy

A **Nursery** is available from 9:45am-11:45am in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is **Betty Cobb**. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

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Articles for The Tidings due Dec. 22nd. Thank you!

# Please pray for these ...

Love & Justice in God's World

### **Our Confirmands:**

Cooper Brandes, Ella Burger, Emily Burger, Bella Fulks, Hunter Hall, Caleb Howard, and Hadley Milligan

## All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier

Jo Suggs Chris Schoenthal

Judy Kilmer

# All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Martin Knipker (son of Kenny Knipker)

Dwight Bowlin (grandson of Jack & the late Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY)

Dakota Meyer (grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO)

Madelynn Perry (granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe)

Dylan Ash (son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Oak Harbor, WA)

Hayden Grant (grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL)

Kyle Hofstetter (son of Scott & Jill Hofstetter, stationed at San Diego, CA)

Alexander Ives (nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Bragg)

Cory Friedmeyer (grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, 29 Palms, CA)

Derek Meyer (grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey, CA)

Brett Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Elmendorf, AK)

Damion Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany)

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**Notice the "Connection Cards" in the pews.** They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN MEMORY OF ~

**Rollie and Mary Lee Brizendine**By the Meisenheimer Family

William Schlup, by the Schlup Family

Billy Schlup, by the Schlup Family

**Carl & Alice Meisenheimer** by the Meisenheimer Family

Gail L. Wolfrum, Logan Cary, & Caroline Wolfrum by Betty Swillum, Carol Wolfrum, & Beth Peeper

Herman & Juanita Wolfrum by Betty Swillum, Carol Wolfrum, & Beth Peeper

Walter Pate, by Jim & Roberta Pate
Bob Burger, by Jim & Roberta Pate
& Lisa Burger

Robert (Bob) Burger Ruth Berroth Ralph Stegner by Mary Burger

Martin & Florence Burger Irvin & Vernie Stegner by Mary Burger

### Cletus & Geneva Kueffer

by Rhonda & Duane Huhmann, Amy & Tom Huhmann

Wayne Bueker, by Mary Bueker & Family
Walter & Maxine Bueker
by Mary Bueker & Family

Ed & Ella Kueffer, by the Bob Kueffer Family

Robert S. "Bob" Bruce, by Patty Bruce & Family
Gene Ash, Daryl Ash, & David Ash
by Judy Ash

Ed & Mary Lou Hert, by their Daughters and Families

J.E. & Charlene Ford, by Jimmy Ford and Family

Don & Katharine Ratcliff Vernon & Dorothy Messerli by Dale & Carol Ratcliff & Family

**Rev. Richard Ferris,** by Carmen Ferris

Richard Nichols Ferris, by Carmen Ferris

Dick & Jane Spieler, by the Family

Bob Spieler, by the Family

# Charlie Gabert, by the Family

Carlos and Dena Vernon, by Darles Vernon Walters

John Walters, by Darles Vernon Walters

**Dick & Jane Spieler,** by the Milligans

**Brad Kueffer,** by the Kueffer Family

Ralph Stegner & Sandra Heizenrader, by Jim and Roberta Pate

Ruby Lee Smith and Carole Beth Bowlin, by Kent, Gerri and Caleb Howard

Alberta Rich and Rashelle Reed, by the Cashion and Zuidervaart Families

> Nick & Trella Clennin Harold & Ruth Clennin by Carla Clennin

**Judith D. Bochard,** by Nelson Bochard

**Shelley Gabert,** by Nelson Bochard

# Bill Burger Fred & Lucy Burger Donald & Eva Mae Switzer

by Judy, Jeremy, and Andy Burger & Families

**Maxine and Edward Reed,** by Sue Latham

**Susan Latham and Daniel Latham,** by Sue Latham

**Kevin E. Bird,** by Family

**Jerry McCarty,** by Family

Herbert and Ruby Kusgen, by Family

**Linda Martin,** by Bobby and Tammy Brandes

**Sue Brandes,** by Bobby and Tammy Brandes

**E.M. & Natalia Burger and Margaret Bueker,** by Dolores Burger and Family

**Morris Burger,**By Dolores Burger and Family

# Justin Trimble,

by Amanda, Macie and Chase Trimble

# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN HONOR OF ~

Charles Brown, by Carmen Brown

# ORNAMENTS ON THE MEMORY TREE HAVE BEEN PLACED IN MEMORY OF . . .

Gary Oesterly, by Mary Oesterly & Family

**Ruby Coale**, by the Jerry Coale Family

Justin Trimble, by Amanda, Macie & Chase Trimble

**Kristina Caldwell**, by her Family & Friend, Amanda Trimble

Travis Butts, by Amanda, Macie & Chase Trimble

Martin and Florence Burger, by Mary Burger
Irvin and Vernie Stegner, by Mary Burger
Bob Burger, by Mary Burger
Ralph Stegner, by Mary Burger
Ruth Berroth, by Mary Burger

Gene, Daryl and David Ash, by Judy Ash

**Norma McDaniel,** by Harley, Steve and Debra McDaniel and Family

**Bob Burger,** by Roberta and Jimmy Pate **Walter Pate**, by Roberta and Jimmy Pate **Ralph Stegner**, by Roberta and Jimmy Pate

**Brad Kueffer,** by Toni Kueffer and Family

**Robert (Bob) S. Bruce,** by Patty Bruce and Family

**Fred and Lucy Burger,** by the Family

**Alberta Rich,** by the Family

**Rashelle Reed**, by the Family

**Bill Burger**, by Judy Burger and Family **Fred Burger**, by Judy Burger and Family **Lucy Burger**, by Judy Burger and Family **Donald Switzer**, by Judy Burger and Family **Eva Mae Switzer**, by Judy Burger and Family

Ray Sleper, by Dorothy Sleper

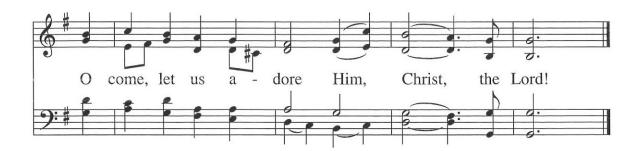
Herman & Juanita Wolfrum

Gail L. Wolfrum, Logan Cary, & Caroline Wolfrum

By Carol Wolfrum

# O Come, All Ye Faithful





# THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one Holy universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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# GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

# 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 for ever. Amen.

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# DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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# KYRIE

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us. Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us. Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us. Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us. Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us. Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.