

CANDLELIGHT

Christmas Eve Service



7:00 December 24th
Special music beginning at 6:30

Advent Isn't Over Yet

It is still Advent and there is still time to participate in our Red Letters of Jesus lessons. If you would like to catch up or get started today, see more info in the Happening Newsletter. There are videos with scriptures and readings for every day. Our last gathering is today, Thursday, 12/19 at 5 PM. Contact Pedro for the Zoom link.

Need a Prayer?

If you have a prayer request that you'd like a few folks to intentionally hold with you, send it to prayers@ucclongmont.org. We'll also continue including prayers in the bulletin and Happenings when that's requested.

Children and Youth

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary. A staffed nursery is available in the back for our youngest worshippers. We also have a coloring table, as well as book and activities behind the last pew. This week's service is intergenerational, with time in the reflection for people of all ages to prayerfully ponder together.

Turning Our Tree Loss Into An Opportunity

You may have noticed the sad loss of one of our evergreen trees by the labyrinth to pine bark borers. The BFG committee is seeking conversation and ideas on how to turn this loss into an opportunity. Could we install art? Or choose new plantings? We'd love your thoughts! Please see Kristen Wolslegel if you'd like to be part of this conversation.

Welcome!

A very special welcome this morning to visitors and guests and a welcome back to those who haven't been here for a while.
We would love to know you are here!

Use the QR code to subscribe to the e-newsletter, request a name tag, and ask questions in the comment section. Go ahead, give it a try!



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Financial Contributions Welcomed

Financial contributions to UCC Longmont are welcome & wanted! Please use the offering boxes on the back wall of the Sanctuary. You can also give through our 2 online options, Vanco Online or Vanco Mobile which can be found at:
ucclongmont.org/giving.
Or scanning the QR Code to the right.

All generosity is appreciated!



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING
CONGREGATION
A CREATION JUSTICE CHURCH



ADVENT 4
JOSEPH

December 22, 2024

10:15 am Worship Service

Gathering Music Robert Hjelmstad

Welcome Rev. Pedro Senhorinha Silva

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey.

You are welcome here!

Lighting the Advent Candle and Sung Response Mesander Family

One: Many years ago, the prophet Micah pointed to Bethlehem and said:

Another: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; 5:5 and he shall be the one of peace.

One: Today we light a candle for love. (light the candle)

Another: May the vision of it fill our minds, hearts and souls.

Hymn: *Gentle Joseph, Joseph Dear* NCH #105

Centering Prayer Rev. Amelia Richardson-Dress

Scripture and Reflection: Matthew 1:18-25

A Prayer for Acceptance

The Gift of Music

Mary Wore Three Links of Chain by Robert Fountain

*Mary wore three links of chain
Every link bearing Jesus' name*

*Mary weep and Martha mourn
Matthew, Mark, and Luke and John*

*I don't know, but I've been told
Streets of heaven are paved with gold*

sins are taken away

Community Matters

Debbie Mewes

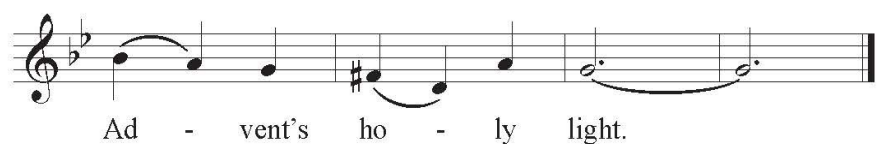
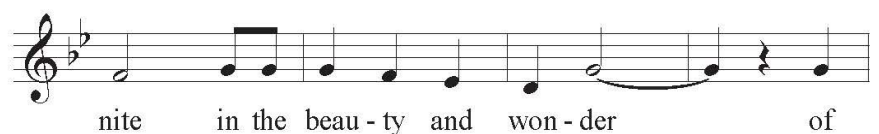
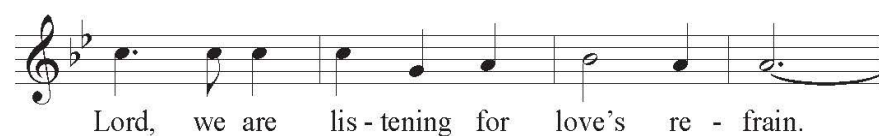
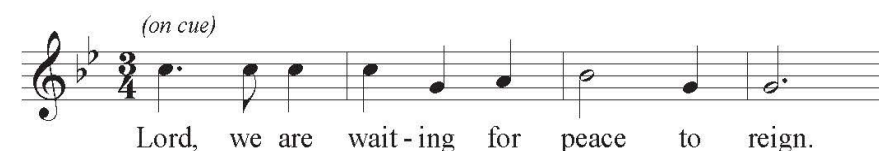
Going in Song *Mother Who Has Borne Us* NCH #583

Benediction

Postlude

Advent's Holy Light Congregational Part

JOEL RANEY



This Week Schedule

Today, December 22, 2024, 2024

- Worship Service - 10:15 am
- Youth Group- No Youth Group today

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

- Christmas Eve Service-Special Music Beginning at 6:30 pm, Candle-light Service at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

- Christmas Day- Office Closed

Thursday, December 26, 2024

- Day after Christmas (Observed) -Office Closed

Office Hours

- Monday, Tuesday and Friday - 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Prayers

Prayers for Buffalo, for hope, strength and assurance that God and people care, Prayers for the family of Mary Alice Tonkinson who died peacefully last week. Prayers for Heidrun, a friend of Marie Smith's daughter, who has colon cancer. Holding Elizabeth in healing prayer, and the rest of the family in hope and strength. Prayers for Ning, Phyllis Rostykus' mother, who has a large and aggressive brain tumor, and for the family as they make care decisions. Prayers for healing for Jim Schwendeman, and for Heather Yokum and their family as they support Jim. Prayers for Randy Porter during this time after the loss of his husband, Jim Klotz. Prayers for Anna, Cora, and Petersen Wing following the death of Rob Wing. Prayers for Jim Bell following a new diagnosis. Prayers for John Flanders for healing. Prayers for Heather August (please check Caring Bridge for updates). Prayers for Deborah Simmons; look for updates through Caring Bridge. Prayers for Hope Del Valle (Linda Zavala's niece) as she recovers