

UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, December 2, 2018



Welcome

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us

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10:00 AM

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Music for Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

CALLING EACH OTHER TO WORSHIP

**Liturgist: On this first Sunday of Advent we have
David, Rosalyn and Alex Nesbitt who will light our first candle.**

Reader 1: O God, we light the first candle of Advent, HOPE.

Reader 2: We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

Reader 1: The prophet Isaiah also cried out to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This Advent, we too call out to God to renew our spirit of Hope.

Opening Hymn: "Come O Long Expected Jesus" #125 Chalice hymnal

Calling God into Our Hearts, Minds, and Spirits (unison)

Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy to reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace and keep Hope in our hearts. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN

Anthem

A Time for the Child In Us All

(Children leave for Sunday School through the Fellowship Room afterwards)

***Fellowship Hymn:** "Wonderful Words Of Life" #323 Chalice hymnal

Scripture Reading: Psalm 91:11,12 and Hebrews 13:2

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; ¹² they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels.

L: God is still speaking to us through the Living Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Angels"

Anthem

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Responding in Prayer

Sharing Celebrations & Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using **debts** and **debtors**)

Response

Responding through Giving

Invitation to Giving and Receiving of Gifts

Offertory:

Hymn of Praise:

"The Doxology"

***Prayer of Dedication**

GOD'S PEOPLE FEAST

Communion Hymn: "Bread of the World" #387 Chalice hymnal

Celebration of Holy Communion

GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn** "Where He Leads Me" #393 green hymnal

***Benediction**

***Response**

Organ Postlude:

***Congregation:** Please rise in body or in spirit.