

First Congregational United Church of Christ

December 4, 2024



# HANGING OF THE GREENS

December 4, 2024 7:00PM

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PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

CAROL *Deck the Halls*

1. Deck the halls with boughs of holly  
'Tis the season to be jolly  
Don we now our gay apparel  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol
2. See the blazing Yule before us  
Strike the harp and join the chorus  
Follow me in merry measure  
While I tell of Yuletide treasure

COMMUNION TABLE'S CLOTH AND ADVENT WREATH

CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem  
O come and behold Him, born the King of Angels

O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

O come, all ye faithful  
O come, all ye faithful  
O come, all ye faithful to Bethlehem

O come, all ye faithful  
O come, all ye faithful  
O come, all ye faithful to Bethlehem  
O sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation

EVERGREENS

## POINSETTIAS

### CAROL *What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest*

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

2. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come peasant king to own Him,  
The King of kings, salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise the song on high,  
The Virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

## WINDOW CANDLES

### LIGHTING THE CANDLES

### CAROL *Away in a Manger*

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head,  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

ORNAMENTS

EVENING PRAYER

CLOSING WORDS

CAROL *Joy to the World*

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;  
Let earth her songs employ;  
Let fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

BENEDICTION

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

All Participants, *Decoration Placement*

Shelly Nulton, *Pianist*

Renaë Salvia, *Pianist & Associate Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries*

Sarah Wilterdink, *Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries*

Katherine Willis Pershey & Nick Hatch, *Co-Pastors*

<b>CHILDREN'S MINISTRY</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>		
	Sunday 8	9:30 AM	Joyful Noise Collection; CM
	Sunday 15	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	CM FAMILY DAY: Caroling on a Bus with Lunch
	Sunday 22	9:30 AM	Family Service & Bell Sunday (No CM)
	<b>Monday 23</b>	<b>9-10:30 AM</b>	<b>Christmas Pageant Rehearsal</b>
	<b>Tuesday 24</b>	<b>9:30 AM 4:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Christmas Eve Service with CM Christmas Pageant &amp; Build-It-Yourself Family Nativity Service</i></b>
	<b>JANUARY</b>		
	Sunday 5	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	CM: Chat in Chapel FAMILY DAY: CYF Coffee Hour
	Sunday 12	9:30 AM	Baptism Renewal; No CM
	Sunday 19	9:30 AM	Joyful Noise Collection; CM
Sunday 26	9:30 AM	CM	

<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>		
	<b>Wednesday 11</b>	<b>6 - 8:30 PM</b>	<b>Caroling w/ a Bus &amp; Pizza</b>
	Wednesday 18	6:30 PM	Christmas Party w Optional Gift Exchange
	Wednesday 25	NONE	No Groups: Christmas
	<b>JANUARY</b>		
	Wednesday 1	NONE	No Group - New Year's Day
	Wednesday 8	6:30 PM	Community Collabs: Prepping Lasagnas for <i>Lasagna Love</i>
	Wednesday 15	6:30 PM	MS Group
	Wednesday 22	6:30 PM	MS Group
	Wednesday 29	6:30 PM	<b>8th Gr Only - Youth Trip Mtg if Interested, no other MS Group</b>

<b>HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>		
	Wednesday 11	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Youth Groups & Confirmation Caroling w/ a Bus & Dinner
	Wednesday 18	6:30 PM	Christmas Party w/ Optional Gift Exchange
	Wednesday 25	NONE	No HS Group - Christmas
	<b>JANUARY</b>		
	Wednesday 1	NONE	No Group - New Year's Day
	Sunday 5	9:30 AM	CYF-Led Coffee Hour After Worship; Kwik Trip Sales
	Wednesday 8	6:30 PM	HS Group
	Wednesday 15	6:30 PM	Service Project @ Pillars Family Shelter
	Wednesday 22	6:30 PM	HS Group
	Wednesday 29	6:30 PM	Youth Trip Informational Meeting, deposit due; no other HS Group

**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS DONATION**



Your Name \_\_\_\_\_



Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to 'FCUCC' with memo 'Holiday Decorations Donation.'

Please word the following as you would like it to appear in the Christmas bulletin:

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

Drop this form off in the offering plate or return it to the church office or email your information to [info@uccappleton.org](mailto:info@uccappleton.org) by Monday, December 16, 2024.



# Christmas Caroling ADVENTURES FOR ALL



WE WILL BE TAKING A BUS AND ALL  
CAROLING WILL BE INDOORS! .



Scan me  
to sign up for  
Dec. 15th!

## Multi-Generational

Sunday, December 15  
10:45AM - 02:00PM  
Light Lunch Provided  
Bring Your Own Drink



Scan me  
to sign up for  
Dec. 11th!

## Confirmation & Youth Groups

Wednesday, December 11  
06:00 - 08:30PM  
Pizza Provided  
Bring Your Own Drink

## Register by December 1

Contact the front office, scan the QR Codes, or go to Realm to sign up!  
Info@uccappleton.org / 920.733.7393

We are "The Church of the Open Door," a welcoming and inclusive Christian community.

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



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