

*Homer Congregational
United Church of Christ
Gathering on the Green in 1801 ~
Still gathered doing God's mission*

Worship Service

Participants

Worship Leader

Bill Masterson

Trustee Verifier

Dave Barnes

Ushers & Greeters

Elijah Smith

Elijah's Confirmation Mentor:

Gary Harrington

Jacob Dentes

Jacob's Confirmation Mentor:

Jim Ulrich

Nursery

Anne Wingard

Flowers

The Masterson Family

Fellowship

CEM

Attendance

December 3: 63

This Week's Events

Sunday – December 10

9:30 am - Advent In Narnia
Discussion

9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
Christmas Pageant

4:00 pm – Disciple Bible Study

6:30 pm – Deacons & Trustees
Meeting

Monday – December 11

7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – December 12

2:00 pm – Senior Fellowship

Wednesday – December 13

9:30 am - CAM

7:00 pm – Christmas Cantata

Thursday – December 14

11:30 am – Bible Study

1:00 pm – Disciple Bible Study

Friday – December 15

Office Closed

Service of Worship
Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

It is exciting that Jesus was born in a manger. But what is even *more* exciting is that Jesus was born of a mother, just like us, and grew up, just like us. Then, when he was all grown up, he chose to live God's way, and said to us, "You can do this too, and here, I'll show you how – just follow me." ~ from our pageant

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome

Prelude The King Shall Come Burkhardt
Chimes

Call to Worship

One: Welcome seekers of God's realm!

This is the season of watching and waiting.
Behold, a light is coming.

The Cincotta family: Today, our family brings the light of peace.

The candle is lit.

*Hymn #128

One Candle is Lit (v. 2)

Opening Prayer:

Dear God,

**as we journey down this Advent road,
grant us the courage to make peace.**

Peace in our hearts,

Peace in our homes,

Peace in our communities. Amen.

GOD'S WORD VISUALIZED

Narration

Scripture

John 1, selected

Singing

This Little Light of Mine

Narration

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

Singing #452

Here I Am, Lord (chorus)

Narration

Singing #144

O Little Town...Bethlehem (vs.1 & 2)

Cue

Mary & Joseph

Narration

Singing #147

Away in a Manger (vs. 1 & 2)

Listen for our children on the 1st verse

Cue

The Star

Narration

Singing #150

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1)

Cue

The Angels

Narration

Singing #148

O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1 & 2)

Cue

The Shepherds

Narration

Singing

The Friendly Beasts

**Thus, every beast by some good spell
in the stable, dark, was glad to tell
of the gifts they gave Immanuel;
the gifts they gave Immanuel.**

Cue

The Animals

Narration

Singing #155 Angels We Have Heard... (vs. 3 & 4)
Cue The Townspeople

Narration Proclaiming the Good News

Singing #143 Joy to the World (vs. 1 & 2)

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Offering

An Invitation to Give

Offertory People, Look East Hobby

*Doxology

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise One, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Dear God,

With grateful hearts we offer our gifts.

**Today, we thank you for children,
for food and for friendship.**

Thank you for the story of Jesus' birth.

Help us to follow him, all our lives. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

Announcements

*Hymn #143 Joy to the World (v. 3)

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude Joy to the World Ore

NOTES AND NOTICES

TODAY:

4:00 pm Disciple Bible Study
6:30 pm Board of Deacons
Board of Trustees

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday

2:00 pm Senior Fellowship –
“Music of the Nativity”
with Rev. Vicki Burtson & Jack Carr

Wednesday

7:00 pm Choir (Christmas Cantata)

Thursday

11:30 am Bible Study
1:00 pm Disciple Bible Study

COMING UP...

Sunday, Dec. 17 Choir Cantata – invite your friends!

SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES

CHRISTMAS FUND – *SHEPARDING THE LIGHT*

Next Sunday a special envelope will be inserted in the bulleting for The UCC’s Christmas Fund. This collection provides assistance for clergy and lay leaders who have faithfully served and now find themselves facing unexpected financial needs. We help provide, on behalf of the whole church, direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ authorized ministers and lay employees and their surviving spouses. Envelopes may be returned until December 31.

Christmas Eve Services

*invite your friends and neighbors
ALL are welcome!*

- 10:30 AM Brunch & worship in the Russell Fellowship Room. We'll gather at tables for good food, caroling, and scripture as we prepare for the Christ child's birth.
- 7 PM A Service of Lessons & Carols
We will sing your favorite carols, hear the Christmas story and light candles to celebrate.
- 10:15 PM Come early to share some Christmas goodies and a cup of coffee or hot cider.
- 11 PM A Service of Carols and Communion
As we hear the Christmas story, we will sing the carols, gather at table for communion and light candles of celebration. Our church bell will ring in Christmas at midnight.

Welcome friends!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. If you would like more information about our church, please let Pastor Vicki, the worship leader, or one of the greeters know. We hope you will choose to stay for refreshments and conversation following our service.

You should also know that we believe children of all ages have a place here. One of our greeters can bring you a children's bulletin and a "busy bag." After the Children's Time, small children may head to our nursery, where we provide trained caregivers and a fruit snack for the wee ones.

Here's how to reach out to us...

Rev. Vicki Burtson, Pastor

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Our digital calendar is at homercc.com/calendar

Service information

- Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to anyone in need. Ask our greeters for help.
- Prayer request sheets are at each entrance. Your prayers will be offered later in today's service.