

*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

Attendance
December 17: 83

Offering
Operations - \$1,972.50
Missions - \$308.50

This Week's Events

Sunday – December 24
7:00 pm – Christmas Eve
Service
11:00 pm – Christmas Eve
Service

Monday – December 25
Merry Christmas

*Our office will be closed
December 25 – January 2*

Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Advent – Brunch Church
December 24, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

Fah who for-aze! Dah who dor-aze!
Welcome Christmas come this way!
Fah who for-aze! Dah who dor-aze!
Welcome Christmas, Christmas Day!

Welcome! Welcome!
Fah who rah-moose!
Welcome! Welcome!
Dah who dah-moose!
Christmas Day is in our grasp,
So long as we have hands to clasp.

Dr. Seuss -How the Grinch Stole Christmas

GATHER

Welcome & Singing

Prayer

**God of Advent,
We are so close to Christmas Day,
that we can see your light shining,
in the dark.
As we draw nearer, we find ourselves
lured by all the busyness of the holidays.
Help us to keep our eyes on you. Amen.**

Lighting Candles

One Candle is Lit

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the **HOPE** of the age.

Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.
One candle is lit for the reign of God's **PEACE**.

Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth,
join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.
Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.
One candle is lit for the **JOY** of these days.

Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,
where evil is banished and faith takes the day,
a babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes.
One candle is lit for God's **LOVE**-ing surprise.

Prayer

**God of Advent,
We have been waiting for a long time to
celebrate the birth of your son. We have
waited with hopeful hearts. We have waited
with longing for your peace. We have waited
with a desire for your joy. And now we wait
with love for one another and for you. Bless
our food and the hands that prepared it.
Amen.**

EAT and CHAT

Brunch is served

Scripture with reflections

Discussions at the Tables

PRAY

Sharing our Joy
Sharing our Burdens

God of Advent,

**When your steadfast love is birthed in us
we will sing of you and your love forever.**

**When we are anointed by your love, we will
open our hearts and hands to the lonely, the
needy, and those who are hurting...**

Our 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, forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Announcements

Singing

Closing Prayer

God of Advent,

**We pray that we are able to say yes to you
when you call. We pray that we can join**

**Mary, saying, "Let it be with me according to
your word." For you are our God, and we are
your people. We love you, God. Amen**

NOTES AND NOTICES

TODAY:

Join us for Christmas Eve at 7 pm and 11 pm!
All are welcome.

COMING UP...

Next Sunday our college students will lead worship.
Evan Ulrich will preach.

The office will be closed from Christmas through
January 2. Messages and e-mail will be checked.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

January 7 at 3:00 pm – **Epiphany Choir Festival**
Grace & Holy Spirit
Our choir is going to
participate.



*You are cordially invited to Open
House at the Manse on Sunday,
December 31 from 1 - 3 pm.*

*We look forward to seeing you.
Belinda & Vicki Burtson*

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.

You should also know that we believe children of all ages have a place here. Today we will remain around the tables; however, if your wee one needs time to play, our nursery is available.

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

Rev. Vicki Burtson, Pastor [607.624.9940](tel:607.624.9940) (cell/text)
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Our office is open Monday – Thursday from 9 am – noon

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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.