

*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
Chuck Feiszli

Ushers & Greeters
Jim & Kathy McKenna
Darci & Carrie Gumaer

Nursery

Flowers
The Burtsons

Fellowship
Kathy McKenna

Attendance
November 26: 63

Offering
Operations - \$2,587.50
Missions - \$252.00

This Week's Events
Sunday – December 3

9:30 am - Advent In Narnia
Discussion
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
12:00 pm – Brief Deacons
Meeting
2:00 pm – Brewster House
Communion
4:00 pm – Disciple Bible Study

Monday – December 4
9:30 am – Staff Meeting
4:00 pm – Confirmation Class
7:30 pm – Al-Anon

Tuesday – December 5
2:00 pm – Bridge Group
7:00 pm – Homer Brass

Wednesday – December 6
6:00 pm – Worship and Music
7:00 pm – Choir
7:00 pm – Zonta Club
7:30 pm – Christmas Cantata

Thursday – December 7
11:30 am – Bible Study
1:00 pm – Disciple Bible Study

Friday – December 8
Office Closed

Service of Worship
First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017 10:30 am

For Quiet Meditation

A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes...and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent. ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1943

**those who are able, please stand.*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude O Come, Emmanuel Callahan
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 Hoffmann family: Today, our family brings the light of hope.

The candle is lit.

*Hymn #128 One Candle is Lit (v. 1)

Opening Prayer:

**Dear God,
as we begin our Advent pilgrimage,
grant us the courage to hope.
Hope for your presence,
Hope for your peace,
Hope for your promise. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

Children's Moment

Anthem

Scripture #126

The Peaceful Realm

Sermon

It is So Hard to Wait!

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Silence is kept

*Hymn #125

Come, O Long-expected Jesus

Liturgy of Communion

Joys, Burdens, Our Lord's Prayer

Setting the Table

The Holy Meal is Served

Prayer after Communion

Bread of Life, Maker of Covenants, a light shines in the night and the night will not overcome it. In this meal we have been replenished and strengthened, the light of your hope rekindled within. We will be bold to carry this light into the world. Thank you for recharging our batteries and reviving your light within us. Amen.

Announcements

You are invited to leave your offering for today in one of the plates.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn #106

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia...

We are waiting, alleluia...

Christ is coming, alleluia...

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Postlude

Come, Saviour of the Nations

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NOTES AND NOTICES

TODAY:

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4:00 pm Disciple Bible Study

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COMING UP...

Sunday, Dec. 10

10:30 am Pageant Sunday led by our children
4:00 pm Disciple Bible Study
6:30 pm Board of Deacons
Board of Trustees

Tuesday, Dec. 12

2:00 pm Senior Fellowship Christmas
Celebration
Pastor Vicki will lead the program

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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Joseph Ford, Director of Music

Bev Berry, Financial Secretary

Andrea Herzog, Treasurer

James Shultes, Organist

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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.