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*Serving followers of Jesus Christ in Valley City since 1881. Voted to join the United Church of Christ in 1960.*

## ☞ Schedule ☜

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 12, 2017</b>		
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice	
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Nugent Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship	(Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m.	Church Council	(Fireside Room)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 16, 2017</b>		
	10:00 a.m.	Worship	(Bridgeview Estates)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 19, 2017</b>		
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice	
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Nugent Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship and Sunday School	(Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m.	ONA Committee meets	(Fellowship Hall)
	4:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Service with coffee & cookies to follow	(Sanctuary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 26, 2017</b>		
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice	
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Nugent Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship and Sunday School	(Sanctuary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 3, 2017</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Diaconate meets	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Nugent Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship and Sunday School with Communion	(Sanctuary)

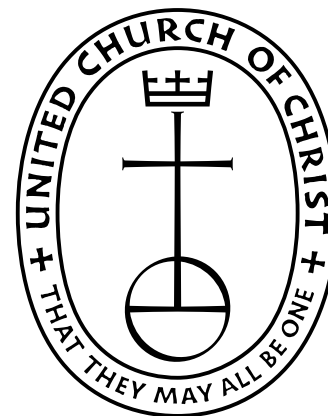
~ Remember to bring loose change for the noisy offering ~

**Remember our church's food drive!**

## ☞ In Our Prayers ☜

At Home: Ron, Doris J., Kathy M., Harve B.  
West Fargo: Meryl, Riley Moorhead: Hulda  
Sheyenne Care Center (Valley City): Lois B., Jerry L., Garland

*\*Please tell our minister if you wish to have someone added to this list.\**



*Congregational  
United Church of Christ*  
*Changing Lives: That is Our Church's Wider Ministry*



*This is your church  
No matter who or what you are, where you are on life's journey,  
or what defines you –*

*This is your church  
If you are abundantly welcoming, radically inclusive,  
and theologically courageous –*

*This is your church  
If you want to understand your faith not only with your heart  
but also with your mind –*

*This is your church  
If you want to come in and join the others who are on their journey to the  
Beloved Community of the People of God –*

*Welcome Home!  
This is your Church*

**November 12, 2017**

*Order of Morning Worship ~ Pastor David Hartson, Presiding  
November 12, 2017 10:30 o'clock*

- Prelude
- Gong
- Carrying the Light of Christ into Worship
- Welcome
- Continuing Acts of the Apostles
- Announcements, Birthdays & Special Occasions
- Acknowledgment of Territory

Since time immemorial, First People's lives and spirituality have been connected to this land

**We acknowledge and give thanks for their stewardship  
May we live with respect and gratitude on this land**

Call To Worship

Liturgist My heart is filled with joy  
When I see her

**People As the brooks fill with water, when the snows melt in the spring  
And I feel glad as the ponies are  
When the fresh grass starts in the beginning of the year**

Liturgist I heard of your coming when I was many sleeps away  
And I made but few camps before I met you

**People I knew that you had come  
To do good to me and my people  
I look for the benefits which would last forever  
And so my face shines with joy  
As I look upon you**

*-Ten Bears*

**Prayer of Welcome**

\*Hymn: "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky" ..... B 563

Prayer of the Beloved Community

Oh, the comfort  
The inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person  
Having neither to weigh thought nor measure words  
But pouring them all right out, just as they are  
Chaff and grain together  
Certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them  
Keep what is worth keeping  
And with a breath of kindness  
Blow the rest away

*-Shoshone Prayer*

**Gloria Patri:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Choir Anthem/Artistic Rendition**

**Children's Message**

Scriptures: Matthew 25:1-13

**Sermon**

Hymn: "O' God of Love, Oh God of Peace" ..... B 571

**Prayers of the People**

**Chimes**

**Silent Prayers**

**The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us to Pray:** *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.*

**Offertory**

\* **Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication:

**Empower me to be a bold participant  
Rather than a timid saint in waiting  
In the difficult ordinariness of now  
To exercise the authority of honesty  
Rather than defer to power  
Or deceive to get it  
To influence someone for justice  
Rather than impress anyone for gain  
And, by grace,  
To find treasures of joy, friendship, and peace  
Hidden in the fields of the daily  
You give me to plow**

*-Ted Loder*

\*Hymn: "We Shall Overcome" ..... B 570

**Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

**Gong**

**Please participate, as you wish, in "Passing of the Peace" following the worship service.**

**Postlude** +You are encouraged to continue a spirit of worship during the Postlude+

**\*Please rise if able.**

Black ~ The New Century Hymnal. \*\*Monies raised in the Birthday and Special Occasions Church Bank go towards the Congregational United Church Scholarship Fund. This Scholarship is for members of our church going to college.