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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 ☜

Sunday	December 10, 2017	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Nugent Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship and Sunday School	(Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m.	Church Council Meets	(Nugent Hall)
Sunday	December 17, 2017	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Nugent Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with "Sounds of Christmas Program"	(Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m.	Meeting on Budget for 2018	(Sanctuary)
		Wedding for Roxanne & Harve	(Sanctuary)
		Reception to follow	(Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	December 24, 2017	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service with Communion	(Sanctuary)
Sunday	December 31, 2017		
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Nugent Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship	(Sanctuary)

~ Remember to bring loose change for the noisy offering ~

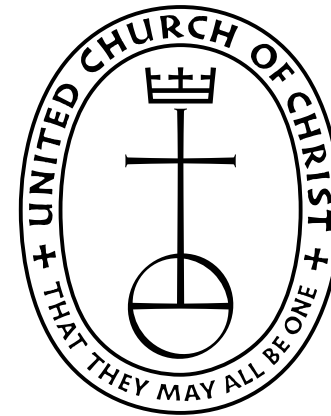
~ Remember to bring donations for APOC Christmas Gift Drive ~

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*

December 10, 2017

*Order of Morning Worship ~ Dr. David Hartson, Presiding
December 10, 2017 10:30 o'clock*

Prelude

Gong

Carrying the Light of Christ into Worship

Welcome

Continuing Acts of the Apostles

Announcements, Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Advent Candles

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 Do not stand on my grave and weep
I am not there
I do not sleep

**People I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glint on the snow**

Liturgist I am the sunlight and ripened grain
I am the gently autumn rain

**People When you wake in the morning hush
I am the swift, uplifting rush**

Liturgist Of quiet birds in circling flight
I am the soft starlight at night

**People Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there
I do not sleep**

-Joyce Fossen

*Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Black 116

Prayer of the Beloved Community

I am the one whose praise echoes on high
I adorn all the earth
I am the breeze that nurtures all things green
I encourage blossoms to flourish with ripening fruits
I am led by the spirit to feed the purest streams
I am the rain coming from the dew
That causes the grasses to laugh with the joy of life
I am the yearning for good

-Hildegard of Bingen

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: Mark 1:1-8

Sermon

Hymn: "Away in a Manger" Black 124

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:

**And God saw everything that He had made
And found it very good
And He said
This is a beautiful world I have given you
Take good care of it, do not ruin it
It is said, before the world was created
The Holy One kept creating worlds and destroying them
Finally He created this one and was satisfied
He said
This is the last world and I shall make
I place it in your hands
Hold it in trust**

-A Jewish Prayer

*Hymn: "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus" Black 122

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Benediction

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.