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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 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	(Sanctuary)
		Worship Service with Communion	
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)
Sunday	January 7, 2018		
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice	(Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship & coffee	(Nugent Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion	(Sanctuary)

~ Remember to bring loose change for the noisy offering ~

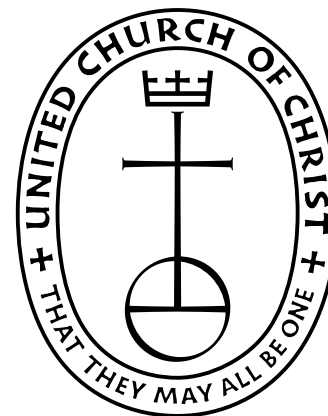
~ Remember to bring donations for APOC Christmas Gift Drive ~

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 17, 2017

*Order of Morning Worship ~ Dr. David Hartson, Presiding
December 17, 2017 10:30 o'clock*

Prelude
The Song of the Gong
Come Share the SpiritCSS 1

Welcome
Continuing Acts of the Apostles
Birthdays and Celebrations
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

Prayer of Welcome

Great is our happiness in your Kingdom
We dance before you, our Lord
By the strength of you realm
May our feet be made strong
Let us dance before you eternally
Let us sing praises to you our God
Let us make joyful music to your heavenly ears
Let us dance and sing before you

Choir Anthem with the Congregation

Artistic Expressions of the Joy of Christmas

I..... Candace..... Drumming
II..... Kia Piano
III..... Bethany Film "Military Families"
IV..... Kandy Piano
V..... Connie..... Reading "A Guide Dog's Christmas"
VI..... Mary Organ
VII..... Bruce & David..... Bad Jokes Part One
VIII..... Sara..... Reading "A Cup of Christmas Tea"
IX..... Kandy & David..... Piano & Drums "Little Drummer Boy"
X..... Hale Trumpet
XI..... Caitlin Film "How to Make Cookies"
XII..... Bruce & David..... Bad Jokes Part Two

Congregational Sing Fest

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: Exodus 15: 20-21 Isaiah 44:23 Psalm 14:7

Sermon

The Three Chimes

Prayers of the People

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:

Spirit of Life, come to me
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea
Move in the hand giving life the shape of justice
Roots hold me close
Wings set me free
Spirit of life, come to me, come to me

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.