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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 3, 2017	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	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)
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)
Sunday	December 24, 2017	FOURTH 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)
	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Service	(Sanctuary)

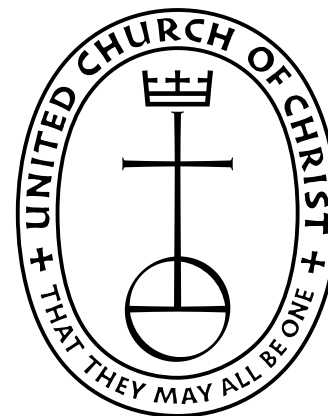
~ Remember to bring loose change for the noisy offering ~

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*

December 3, 2017

**Order of Morning Worship ~ Roxanne Rogers, Presiding
December 3, 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 Youth is not a time of life.... It is a state of mind.
- People It is not a matter of red lips and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is the freshness of the deep springs of life.**
- Liturgist Youth is the predominance of courage over timidity, the love of adventure over a life of ease.
- People No one grows old merely by living a number of years; one grows old only by deserting ones ideals.**
- All Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasms wrinkles the soul.

*Hymn: "O' Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder"Black 35

Prayer of the Beloved Community

Worry, doubt, fear and despair...
These are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the youthful spirit back to dust.
Whether sixteen or sixty, there is, in every being’s heart, the love of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars, the unfailing, childlike appetite for what's next, and the joy for the game of life.

Henry W. Louis ~ Excerpts from Herman Sterns "Good Rules to Achieve Pride of Accomplishment"

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 13:24-37

Sermon

Communion

Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" CSS 65

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:

**O' Hidden life vibrant in every atom
O' Hidden light shining in every creature
O' Hidden love embracing all in oneness
May each who feels one with Thee
Know that we are also one with every other**
~Annie Besant

*Hymn: "Now is the Time" **Black 609**

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.