



December 14, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent
Children's Program

Welcome to First United Church of Christ

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We are pleased that you have decided to worship with us today!

Hearing assistance is available; ask an usher for a receiver

*The offering plate is located on the small table
outside of the sanctuary*

You are welcome to give using this QR code.

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****THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND***

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Susan Lorenzen and Avery Hodges

SPECIAL MUSIC "Silent Night" Harrison Gehrs

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you, P: And also with you!

***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.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Joyful, Joyful" Lanie Mason

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Dear Jesus, We come to you in hope, in peace, and today we come
with joy to witness your goodness with one another. Forgive us
when we fail to see the joy around us. Continue to build us this
season so that we might continue to grow in your way. We are
thankful for you, our Savior.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: In Your Mercy, P: Lord, hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" Jay Mason

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"The Party"

"Happy Birthday"

Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday to You
Happy Birthday Dear Jesus, Happy Birthday to You.

"Deck the Halls"

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la la la la,

‘Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la la la la,
 Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la la la la,
 Troll the ancient Yule ide carol, Fa la la la la la la la.

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare Him room, And heav’n and nature sing,
 And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and heav’n and nature sing

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled,
 Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
 With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
 Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

“Away in the Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head;
 the stars in the sky look down where He lay,
 the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

“We Wish You A Merry Christmas”

We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you Merry Christmas
 We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
 Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
 We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*BENEDICTION

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures
 here below; Praise Him above, Ye Heavenly host praise Father, Son
 and Holy Ghost.**

*POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Organist—Pat Barglof

Ushers—Kassandra Burnett and Bill Schwitzer

The Ministers of First UCC are its members who are assisted by
 Pastor Kerri Sandusky

THIS WEEK’S CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 15	Grapevine Articles & Annual Reports Due
	6:30 p.m. Scouts
Wed. Dec. 17	9 a.m. Women’s Fellowship Exec. Meeting
	5:30 p.m. Radiate Youth Group Christmas Party (6th-8th)
	6:15 p.m. Dinner for Radiate Youth Group
	6:45 p.m. Radiate Youth Group Christmas Party (9th-12th)

Thurs. Dec. 18	5 p.m.	AA Meeting
Sat. Dec. 20	9 a.m.	Bread of Life Food Pantry Foursquare Church
	5-6:30 p.m.	Live Nativity and Beef Sundae Outreach
Sun. Dec. 21	9 a.m.	Choir practice
	10 a.m.	Worship w/ SONG
	6:30 p.m.	Blue Christmas service
Wed. Dec. 24	6:30 p.m. & 11 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Thurs. Dec. 25		Merry Christmas!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Please consider bringing **hats, gloves, mittens**, and scarves to add to the Christmas tree. These items will be donated to the Tipton Schools.
- ◆ Do you like to sing? Join us after church TODAY and on Sunday Dec. 21 at 9 a.m. before worship to practice for the **Christmas worship service**.
- ◆ Would you be **willing to make a pie(s)** for the Live Nativity meal? We are asking for pumpkin, peach, apple or pecan pies to be baked (NOT CUT), and brought to Fellowship Hall on Fri., Dec. 19. Please sign up on the kiosk for how many and what kind you are willing to donate.
- ◆ The annual **Live Nativity and Beef Sundae dinner** is coming on Dec. 20, from 5—6:30 p.m. Please check the kiosk for ways you can help.
- ◆ **Radiate Youth Group’s Christmas party** will be **THIS** Wed., Dec. 17. Please make sure to bring a wrapped unlabeled white elephant gift (does not need to be purchased) for the exchange. We will have dinner, Bible lesson, and Christmas activities!
- ◆ The **Blue Christmas Service** or “Longest Night” will be Sun. Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. This service focuses on the hope of the holidays for those who are experiencing a “blue” season. Invite family and friends to this special time!
- ◆ All are invited to **donate a poinsettia** to decorate the sanctuary. Please drop off anytime before Christmas Eve (the closer to the 24th, the better). Label the flower “In Honor of” or “In Memory of” if you would like to be listed in the bulletin. You are welcome to take them home following the Christmas Eve service.
- ◆ **Planned giving/Pledge cards** for 2026 are due to the office. If you need one, they are located outside the sanctuary.
- ◆ **Welcome Laura Schroeder** as our new church custodian! She will take Tony Young’s place. Thanks Tony!
- ◆ **Pastor Scott Meyer** will be ordained at Earlville United Parish on Sun., Jan 11 at 3 p.m. If any of you would like to attend, please RSVP by Jan. 5 to eup91@windstream.net. This will be a very special service. If you would like to carpool, please let Pastor Kerri know.

“THE PARTY” PARTICIPANTS

Preschool—2nd Grade

Kaylee Bean
Jemma Beck
Rollynn Bolger
Eleanor Gehrs
Maggie Kuehl
Etta Larson
Mason Paustian
Sarah Salsman
Emma Waddell

3rd—7th Grade

Harrison Gehrs
Lanie Mason
Jacqueline Newton
Travyn Noard
Gabe Resor
Charlee Schroeder
Jaime Waddell
Audrey Wanek



December 21 10 a.m. Worship with music
 6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas service

December 24 6:30 p.m. & 11 p.m.
 Christmas Eve Candlelight services

December 28 10 a.m. Worship wearing your
 unique Christmas
 sweater