



December 21, 2025

May peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessings all year through.
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GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

HOLIDAY SEASON CHOIR CAROLERS – all are welcome to join – see screens		
PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		Sandra Morris
WELCOME GREETING		Pastor Karen Griswold
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Lauren Flora
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader: To love is the greatest gift bestowed upon us. It is a surrender to God’s holy power.		
PEOPLE: God loves us, despite all our mistakes, so we pray for the patience of hope!		
Leader: To be loved by God is the right of every living thing. This love is the sun and the rain, it is the beginning and end of all.		
PEOPLE: God loves us even when we lose our way. So, we pray for the strength to find and bring peace.		
Leader: God’s love is always a promise and a responsibility, and we are given this love freely. God demands nothing from us yet knows we are capable of greatness.		
PEOPLE: God loves us in the midst of destruction and despair, so we pray to share a vision of joy.		
Leader: Love is a sacred vow—a covenant--God has made to us, a rainbow in the sky, a baby in the manger.		
ALL: God loves us just as we are, and we give thanks and whisper amen.		
*RINGING of the BELL		
*HYMN	<u>“Angels We Have Heard on High”</u>	#278
LIGHTING OF THE 3 rd & 4 TH ADVENT CANDLES – “Joy” & “Love”		
CHORAL RESPONSE	<u>“We Lift the Light of Hope”</u> <small>Tune: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”</small>	vs 3 & 4 See screens
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	<u>“Let’s Worship and Adore Him”</u>	#247
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<u>“Let it Be Christmas”</u>	Lauren Flora
YOUNG PEOPLE’S MOMENT		Scott Griswold
PASTORAL PRAYER		
SILENT MEDITATION		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 9:2-7, Matthew 1:18-25 & Matthew 16:13-16 (NIV)	Lauren Flora
TODAY’S MESSAGE	<u>“But What About You?”</u>	Pastor Karen Griswold
*HYMN	<u>“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”</u>	#3
MEMORIAL ORNAMENT DEDICATION		
MEMORIAL LITANY		See screens
*HYMN	<u>“Silent Night! Holy Night!”</u>	#253
*BLESSING & BENEDICTION		
*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE	<u>“Go in Love”</u>	Song folder #38
UCC FAMILY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS	Please have a seat and enjoy the Christmas Greetings	
POSTLUDE	*Please stand if you are able.	

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The candle on the altar represents our continued prayers for Peace.

TODAY		Education Team Meeting after Church
Dec 23	9:30 am	Tuesday Mornings – prayer and scripture review
Dec 24	10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25		Community Christmas Meal
Dec 28		Worship & Property Team Meetings after Church
Jan 4	8:30 am	Deacons Meeting
		Sacrament of Holy Communion during the service
		Finance team Meeting after Church

- Today is last day for the Sock & Mitten Tree; however, Missionary Aide will continue to collect items through March for the homeless & domestic shelters in Logan County. A list of needed items is in the Misson Corner.
- Donations and volunteers are needed for the Community Christmas Meal. Cash donations may be given to Tim Wilcox and if you are able to help on Christmas day, please contact Tim for early preparation, delivery and clean-up.
- Your continued support is appreciated and may be mailed to West Liberty UCC PO Box 427, West Liberty, OH 43357.

PRAYER REQUESTS and JOYS



Vicki Lingrell	Don Moffitt	Marcus Taylor	Renay Fullerton	Lauretta McClain	Joy Plank
Tony Grant	Virginia Gregg	Ruth Murphy	Janice Stout	Jane Saltzman	
Kim Hoberty	Dave Daulton	Paula Plank	Katie Tezak		
Our Confirmands	Our nursing home residents & shut-ins	Our service men & women			

** Christian sympathies extended to the family & friends of Vivian Evans**

Organist: Sandra Morris	Serving Today	Sound: Elisa Lash
Song Leader: Lauren Flora	Nursery:	Screens: Ed Armentrout
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Youth Message: Scott Griswold	Videotaping: Bec Smith
	Jr. Church: Scott Griswold	
Organist: Sandra Morris	Serving Next Week (Dec 28, 2025)	Sound: Ed Armentrout
Song Leader: Lauren Flora	Nursery:	Screens: Kaylee Powell
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Youth Message: Bill Warner	Videotaping: Bec Smith
	Jr. Church: Brandy Powell	