



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

WELCOME GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandra Morris

Pastor Karen Griswold

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

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

#278

LIGHTING OF THE 3rd & 4TH ADVENT CANDLES – “Joy” & “Love”

CHORAL RESPONSE

"We Lift the Light of Hope"

Tune: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

vs 3 & 4

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

"Let's Worship and Adore Him"

#247

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Let it Be Christmas"

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

"But What About You?"

Pastor Karen Griswold

*HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

#3

MEMORIAL ORNAMENT DEDICATION

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MEMORIAL LITANY

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

#253

*HYMN

"Go in Love"

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 Mission 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: Youth Message: Scott Griswold

Screens: Ed Armentrout

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Jr. Church: Scott Griswold

Videotaping: Bec Smith

Organist: Sandra Morris

Serving Next Week (Dec 28, 2025)

Sound: Ed Armentrout

Song Leader: Lauren Flora

Nursery: Youth Message: Bill Warner

Screens: Kaylee Powell

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Jr. Church: Brandy Powell

Videotaping: Bec Smith