

Affirmation of Welcome

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.

If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are male, female, or transgender,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,
Or a life-long member of the UCC,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person with differing abilities,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,

**We welcome one another to this place,
even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!**

WELCOME TO VISITING PARENTS

We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour:

- ✧ Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery.
- ✧ Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers.
- ✧ Crayons and paper for children are also available from ushers.

Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave, and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or becoming a member, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Williams Sound Personal PA receiver available for your use in the sanctuary.

Pillows for your back support are also available.

Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00 - 12:00

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DECEMBER 29, 2013 – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Meditation Music

Welcome, Jesus, Emmanuel, holy one of the royal house of David. Our hearts are filled with joy and wonder as we celebrate your birth among us. Bless your children throughout the world with renewed hope, courage, humility, and love during this sacred season and throughout the coming New Year. You are indeed Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Bring a Torch 16th century French carol
[Assisted by Percussion Group]
“Ah! Ah! beautiful is the mother!
Ah! Ah! beautiful is her son!”

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 148)**

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

P: Praise the Lord, all God's angels; praise the Lord, all God's host.

L: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

P: Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

L: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

P: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

L: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

P: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.

P: The Almighty has raised up a horn for God's people, praise for all God's faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to the Sovereign One. Praise the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade (1711-1786)

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
Refrain: O come, let us adore him, (3x), Christ, the Lord.

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

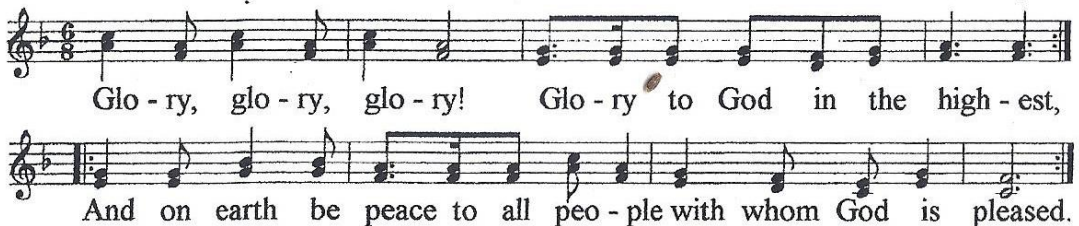
***Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Almighty God, Creator of all that is, was, and ever shall be, we thank you for sending your son, Jesus Christ, to show us your divine way of compassion and forgiveness. Open our eyes to the radiant Daystar you have sent to lighten our path! May our time of worship this morning transform our hearts, nurture our wounded bodies and souls, and plant within us an abiding hunger for justice and goodness. This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Root of Jesse, our Savior and brother. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Isaiah 63:7-9

The New Testament

Matthew 2:13-23:1

The Continuing Testament

From *The Broken Body: Journey to Wholeness*

by Jean Vanier

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

Emanuel

Manion

[Anne Melfo, soprano; Dave Debick, baritone]

Musical Offering

The Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth

Davis/Grossman/Fraser

[Vic Szabo & Dave Debick, baritone]

Message

Christmas: Shared Memories and Music

The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

Our Lord's Prayer *[the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to One's Theological understanding]*

...Our Father-Mother, 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.

Organ Response

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation

Offertory

Sheep Fast Asleep

Torii (Japan)

"Star in the sky shining; so bright!

Silent and pure, wondrous light!

What tidings brings it Israel?

Can we new hope in it find?

Good news it brings! 'Fear not, I pray!

Born is God's Child, born today!

God's gift of love to all the earth,

Jesus, Emmanuel.'"

Genzō Miwa, 1907

***The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all Blessings flow
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

Gracious God, we thank you for the many gifts you have blessed us with – for our families and friends, for the education, health, abundance and freedoms we too often take for granted. During this holy season of Christmas, we thank you especially for the awesome gift of your son, Jesus Christ. Help us to re-incarnate his love for humankind and all creation in everything we do and say, through the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Messiah and Newborn King. Amen.

Going with God's Love

Hymn of Departure

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

Circle of Fellowship

*As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah** (3 times) **Hallelujah, Hallelujah**. After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it through once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.*

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

***Commission and Benediction**

Postlude

God Rest You Merry

English traditional

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Family of Todd Scarce, The Family of Vonda Ward, The Family of Nancy Foose, Doug Lightbody, Bill & Ann Toneff, Kathleen Stewart, Tina Ortiz, Frank Ditzig, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, Effie Pappas, Betty Batsch, people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)

Attendance Sunday, December 22, 2013 –Adults: 110 Kids: 26 Total: 136

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for 2014's first Membership gathering.....January 18th at 6:30 PM. in Pilgrim Hall join us for a card party. Bring your favorite card games and a snack to share. Membership will provide the hot chocolate.

PASTOR DAVE WILL BE ON VACATION from Dec. 25th to Jan.2nd. **PASTOR JOHN KING** has graciously offered to be available in the event of a pastoral emergency. He can be reached at West Park UCC [216-671-7228] or by cell phone [330-475-4206].

RECORDING OF SUNDAY WORSHIP has resumed - now on audio CDs using newly installed sound equipemnt. If you missed a service or just want to hear again a sermon, an anthem or whatever, please check with the church office to borrow the CD.

DOES YOUR HP PRINTER use HP 45 black ink. If so, please pick up the two unopened cartridges in the church office. They are free.

THE READINGS

Old Testament - Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that God has shown them according to God's mercy, according to the abundance of God's steadfast love. For the Almighty said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and God became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but God's presence that saved them; in God's love and pity God redeemed them, lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

New Testament - Matthew 2:13-23

Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Continuing Testament From *The Broken Body: Journey to Wholeness* by Jean Vanier
God came as a tiny child in the womb of a woman. God was clothed in the vulnerability of a child in need of its mother, crying out for protection and help. At birth Jesus had no security but the arms of Mary and the presence of Joseph. He became a child refugee as the family fled into Egypt, encountering dangers and uncertainties. And after their return they settled in the village of Nazareth...And there Jesus lived in simplicity for thirty years.

He worked with his hands, being a son of the carpenter, Joseph...The word made flesh lived the humble, lowly life of a poor family. He lived the Beatitudes before announcing them.



2013 POINSETTIAS

<i>Cindy Burton</i>	<i>In Memory of her Parents, William L. Burton & Delores R. Burton.</i>
<i>Joanne Cook</i>	<i>In Memory of The Deeter Family, Robert and Willie Deeter, and twin sister, Jeanne Durig, and in Memory of her Beloved Husband Skip Cook.</i>
<i>Jeanne R. Cowden</i>	<i>In Memory of James W. Cowden.</i>
<i>Marjorie Culver</i>	<i>In Memory of her Husband Dick, and Nancianne Martin.</i>
<i>Jim & Peg Duffy</i>	<i>Happy Birthday Jesus!</i>
<i>Dottie & Jim Farwell</i>	<i>In Honor of Dottie's Mother.</i>
<i>Anna Mary Fisher</i>	<i>In Memory of Loved Ones.</i>
<i>Dorie Gabor</i>	<i>In Memory of her Husband, Steven Gabor.</i>
<i>Joy Garapic</i>	<i>In Memory of William Garapic, Husband, Father, Grandfather.</i>

<i>Diane Gressley</i>	<i>In Memory of Pauline Farina, and Emma & Evan Gressley.</i>
<i>Phyllis Hassler</i>	<i>In Memory of Frank Hassler.</i>
<i>Agnes Hastings</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Phil Hastings (Husband)</i>
<i>Sons, Daughters, Daughters-in-Law, & Grandchildren of Phil Hastings</i>	<i>"We Love you Papa"</i>
<i>Mac and Marianne Hoppel</i>	<i>In Honor of the Karwowski-Hoppel Families.</i>
<i>Dassie Matsuoka & Daughters</i>	<i>In Memory of James Matsuoka.</i>
<i>David Pastor</i>	<i>In Memory of Eleanor Pastor & Albert Romanin.</i>
<i>Fred & Connie Pesek</i>	<i>In Memory of our Parents.</i>
<i>Bettina Ortiz</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Betty, Joseph, & Timothy Oritiz.</i>
<i>Bettina Ortiz</i>	<i>In Honor Daniel King; Rachel, Grace, Julianne, Jenna and David Kubic; Stephanie King, Steven, Lyndsey and Bradley Hough.</i>
<i>Max Roha</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of Mary Chapman Roha 5/7/1960-7/21/01, and Lois Langmead Wallin 3/29/23-7/21/07.</i>
<i>Max Roha</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of David J. Roha 5/7/1960-7/18/2013.</i>
<i>Mariam R. Rosewicz</i>	<i>In Memory of Loved Ones.</i>
<i>George & Carole Snider</i>	<i>In Memory of our good Friend Debbie Busta.</i>

<i>RuthThorp</i>	<i>In Memory of her Husband, Harvey O. Thorp.</i>
<i>Bill & Anne Toneff</i>	<i>In Memory of Elizabeth & C.C. Thornton, and Very & Milan Toneff</i>
<i>Sherrill & Bill Witt</i>	<i>In Memory of Mary & Bill Witt, and Jane Witt. In Memory of Arch Duncan. In Honor of Shirley Duncan, and the Wonderful people of BUCC.</i>
<i>Jill Zedan</i>	<i>In Memory of Bobby, Pres, Joanie, Jack & Terry.</i>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 12/29/2013	10 am 11am	Worship Service/Pageant Coffee Hour
Wednesday 12/31/2013		<i>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</i> *OFFICE CLOSED*
Thursday 1/1/2014	1pm	Bible Study
Friday 1/3/2014	9-3	Quilters
Sunday 1/5/2014	10 am 11 am	Worship Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
DECEMBER 29, 2013

LAY READER: Cliff Cribbs
HEAD USHER: Evie Novak
USHERS: Spencer Whyte, David Wilson, Bob Chandler, Zach Novak
ACOLYTE: Lindsey Maier
PEACE CANDLE: Indira Bigelow
SOUND: Mike Westerberg
COMMONS GRTR: Pat Bailey
NARTHEX GRTR: Kathy Smith
FLOWERS: Ruthie Thorpe
NURSERY: Peg Duffy
COUNTERS: David Pastor, Dassie Matuoska
SERVERS: Caroline Chandler & Robin Coyer-Westerberg
CLEAN-UP: David & Kathy Pastor
SNOW HERDER: Joe Wilson

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
JANUARY 5, 2014

Lay Reader: Sue Stenzel
Head Usher: Bridget Sproul
Ushers: Carole & George Snider, Chad
Sproul, Diane Gressley
Acolyte: Benjamin Davis
Peace Cndl: Michalina Fawcett
Sound: Val Duffy
Commons: David Pastor
Narthex: Linda Kriynovich
Flowers:
Nursery: Kathy Pastor
Counters: Nancy Stella, Anna Mary
Fisher
Servers: Joy Garapic, Joanne Cook
Clean Up: Jan Renovetz, Jon Thompson
Snacks: Melissa Lund, Tia Began
Snow Herder: Billy Harris