THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF PLAINVILLE
Founded in 1840

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

An Open & Affirming and “God is Still Speaking” Church

The Congregational Church of Plainville serves the community in the Spirit of Christ.

All Welcomed. All Valued. All Loved.
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please take this opportunity to silence your phones. Thank you.

CALL TO WORSHIP
God’s goodness is built into the foundation of Creation! God chose us in Christ from the beginning. God calls us blameless, holy, and loved.

God has made an eternal promise to gather all things. God will reconcile all things on earth and heaven in the fullness of time.

In Jesus Christ we have heard the word of Truth. In the Holy Spirit breathing on us and on diverse peoples throughout the world, God’s promise has been sealed.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

PRAYER OF SELF-INSIGHT (CONFESSION)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE
As John 1 reminds us, from the fullness of truth and grace, we have all received grace upon grace. Our forgiveness is as assured as God’s mercies, which abound endlessly. Amen.

MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN
Ruthe Boiczyk

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
(from Book of Common Prayer)

COMMUNION WORDS

ACT OF RECEPTION
In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered here and at home, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption secured by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.
We believe that you are truly present here with us, and in this sacred time, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you and your love; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come into your glorious realm of unending peace. Amen.  

(Time of Silence)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

INTERLUDE

GOSPEL

John 1:10-18

SERMON

“The Logic of Logos”

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD’S LOVE

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

INVITATION TO SHARE

DOXOLOGY

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BENEDICTION

And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Telamon

We hope you received God’s comfort, insight and inspiration through worship, prayer and song that carries with you through the week.
WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:45 a.m.  Hymn-Listen & Follow Along
~ Join us as we listen to pre-recorded hymns from the Pilgrim Hymnal and prepare ourselves for Worship ~

10:00 a.m.  Worship Service
~ In-person Worship will be live-streamed via Facebook ~

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In our Prayers this week, we remember:
Cliff Carlson, Martha (Russ Drachenberg’s cousin), Gayle (Cheryl Cone’s friend), Fran Rose, Suzanne Colley, Jay Piercy (Sue Piercy’s son), Dave, Michael Letendre, Jordan & family (Curtis Johnson’s teammate), Students & Educators, Healthcare Workers, Essential Workers, Charlene Archambault, Marilyn Borry, Cliff Carlson, John Dombroski, Sandy Dombroski, Charlotte Karabin, Gabriel Smykla, Bobbi & Norm Turcotte, Leslie Urbanski

The families and friends of: Betty Drumheller (Dave Ryan’s aunt), The Oxford High shooting victims, Joan Litteral (Ed Boiczyk’s cousin),

Members and friends serving in the military: Renny Astolfi Sr., Thomas Heslin, Beth Smith, Mark Joseloff, Adam Smith, Spencer Pelletier, James Palmer, Mark Terrill, Ryan Steikers, Shawn Ellis

For peace, wisdom, and compassion in our communities, state, nation, and world and in the leaders therein.

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Announcements

**Hymn-Listen & Follow Along**

At 9:45, in the sanctuary, there will be a playing of pre-recorded hymns using the Pilgrim Hymnal as our guide.

January 2nd, we will start with hymns 1, 2, and 3 from the Pilgrim Hymnal. The music will play from our speaker system.

**January Events**

Due to the current Covid surge, Classes and Events scheduled for January such as Bagel Church, Theology Book Club and The American Religious History class have been cancelled. Bagel Church and Theology Book Club will resume in February at this time.

Please contact the Church Office if you have any questions.

**Volunteers:**

We are looking for volunteers to help out at C.C.P.!

*Church Leadership & Committee Volunteers...*

The Nominating Committee is completing the list of Church Leadership and Committee Volunteers for 2022. We have MANY positions open and need your help to make our church run smoothly. Please prayerfully consider joining one of our wonderful committees and let the Church Office or any one from the nominating committee know. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

*Currently Serving on a Committee...*

If you are currently serving on a committee and wish to come off please contact the Church office by January 2nd.

**Stewardship:**

If you requested Offering Envelopes for your 2022 pledges they are located on the shelf in the entryway. Please pick them up at your convenience.