

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.**



The Order of Morning Worship  
First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

10A.M.

*We offer a warm welcome to all who have come here today. May you receive God's comfort, insight and inspiration through worship, prayer and song.*

\* please stand in body and/or spirit

PRELUDE *Pastorale* D. Schack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Day by Day* Tom Fettke

RESPONSIVE READING

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Giver of hope!"

**We come today with eager expectation. Our feet are standing within God's gates.**

Come, let us go up to the mountain that the Giver may teach us the way of peace.

**We come today with holy expectation. Our hands are lifted with grateful praise.**

We gather at the edge of the throne of justice.

**Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE *Annie Vastola and Kyle Wright*

O God, we light the first candle of Advent. We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

*People (sing): Shine on us, O God of justice;  
Guide our path through gloom of night;  
Bear within us Wisdom's glory;  
Come to us, O Christ the Light.*

\*HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

NCH #116

UNISON READING

How should we believe?  
In what way should we struggle  
and give all our energy to living a good life?  
We should do it with great hope and perseverance  
so that we can be found worthy  
to receive the power given from heaven  
and so receive the glory of the Holy Spirit  
in the innermost depths of the soul.

-- Makarios the Great (tr. by Fr. John McGuckin)

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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.

ANTHEM *Emmanuel Come Soon* Tilby Jordan/David Angerman

MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN Mary Fuller

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\* the children depart to their classroom to "traveling music" of:  
*Jesus Loves the Little Children*

PSALM IN SONG *Psalm 122* Emily D'Aria

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 24:36-44*

REFLECTION "Be of the Same Mindfulness as Christ"

\*HYMN *We Hope for Good* see insert

JOYS, SORROWS OR CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO GIVE *Blessing of the Pledge Cards*

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (responsive)

For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community

**We dedicate these gifts.**

For the ways it'll help us live out God's mission

**We dedicate these gifts.**

Let these gifts strengthen our call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly.

\*DOXOLOGY

NCH #780

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all Creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*HYMN

*Comfort, Comfort, O My People*

NCH #101

BENEDICTION

*Edelweiss Benediction*

\*CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE

*Carillon Saint-Martin*

W. Minnig

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**The Rev. Don Erickson, Senior Minister**

Jackie Harris-Stone, Director of Music Ministries

Jurg Oggenfuss, Guest Organist

Teresa Talarico, Church Administrator

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service ~In-person Worship will be live-streamed via Facebook~
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Coffee Fellowship at Panera, Bristol Midweek Gathering
Thursday	10:00 a.m. 7:15 p.m.	Coffee w. Rev. Don at Rebel Dog, Plainville Choir Rehearsal

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**Today's Deacon in Charge:**

Diana Drachenberg  
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### ***In our Prayers this week, we remember:***

Melissa Mazurek, Sebby's Dad, Virginia Cone (Rex Cone's Mom), Nora (Cheryl Cone's aunt), Cassie (Cheryl Cone's niece), Christine & son, Lyndon Philpot (Diana Drachenberg's brother), Theresa Danz (Teresa Talarico's aunt), Darryl Lawrence, Kathleen Lux, Cynthia Gingras, Kathy Blais, Kit, River (Robin Anderson's sister's grandson), Carol Phelps (Herve Letendre's classmate), Delores Myers (Marianne Wright's mom), Owen (Marilyn Ronewicz's grandson), The Erickson Family, Mert Coulombe (Beth Fraychak's friend), Catherine Haugh (Covenant to Care for Children liaison), Officer Alec Iurato, Clarence Robinson (Beth Frachak's cousin), Angela Westfall (Marianne Wright's friend), Students & Educators, Healthcare Workers, Essential Workers, Charlene Archambault, Marilyn Borry, Sandy Dombroski, Charlotte Karabin, Fran Rose, Claranne Parker, Sue Piercy, Ruth Seeds, Gabriel Smykla, Bobbi & Norm Turcotte

**The families and friends of:** Ray DiFrancisco (Bonnie Mazurek's friend), Linda Cyr (Bonnie Mazurek's friend), Wilma Pershken, Vivian Flade, Joseph Barbagallo (Teresa Talarico's cousin), Sergeant Dustin Demonte, Officer Alex Hamzy, Ross Zettergren, Ray Martin (Ellen & Carl Binder's friend)

**Members and friends serving in the military:** Jason Guglietta, 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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### STEWARDSHIP:

By now you should have received your 2023 Stewardship packet. Please prayerfully consider your pledge commitment for 2023 and return the commitment card to the church.

Thank you!



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### SOCK COLLECTION:

Once again, this year the Mission Social Action Committee, with the assistance of Herve Letendre, will hold a collection of new socks for the **Friendship Center** in New Britain. The Socks will be given to homeless individuals by the outreach workers from the center.

We are looking to reach or exceed our donation of 200 pairs of socks from last year! There is a collection bin in the Narthex. Feel free to drop off your donation at your convenience. We will conclude our collection **Sunday November 27th**.

Thank you.

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### JOYFUL NOISE:

On Dec 4th, we will have **Joyful Noise**, our no- experience necessary one-rehearsal ensemble.

We will be doing bell choir, who will rehearsal at 8:30 a.m., along with choir, rehearsing at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome!



## 2022 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be offering Christmas Poinsettias! Participants will have the opportunity to donate Poinsettias in honor or remembrance of someone special in their lives. The plants will then be given to those members that need to be remembered by our Church during this season. The beautiful plants are purchased through Karabin Farms in Southington CT. They are delivered to the church and displayed in the sanctuary during the Christmas week services, with the names of the donors and those they are honoring or remembering listed in the bulletin. **There will be one line for each donated plant.**

This year, once again, we will also take orders for plants that may be wanted for personal use. You will be asked to pick the plants up at the church on Saturday, December 17th. These plants **will not** be noted in the bulletin.

The plants are \$11 each. Please use the order form below to indicate your contact information and how many donated plants and/or how many personal plants you wish to purchase. You may attach multiple forms together if needed. **The order deadline is Sunday, December 11th, 2022. No order will be accepted without payment.**

Checks (made out to C.C.P.) or Cash will be accepted. Orders and payment may be sent to the Church office. This floral ministry of the church is coordinated through the Diaconate, the Minister, and the Church Office.

Thank you for participating in this beautiful ministry.

### 2022 Poinsettia Order Form

**Order Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022**

**Price: \$11.00 each (All orders require prepayment)**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. I would like to donate \_\_\_\_ (# of plants) in honor/memory of the following people. These plants are donated to the church for distribution to persons to be determined by the Minister and Diaconate. Please circle Honor or Memory in each notation. (This is a tax-deductible contribution)

In Loving Honor/Memory (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_

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In Loving Honor/Memory (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_

- B. I would like to order \_\_\_\_ (# of plants) for personal use. I will pick up at church on Saturday, Dec 17th. These will not be noted in the bulletin. (\$2.00 of the cost of each plant is a tax-deductible contribution to the church.)

Total # plants (A+B) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$11 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

Send checks and completed forms: The Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC

The Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC  
130 West Main Street  
Plainville, CT 06062

Office use:

Cash

Check # \_\_\_\_\_