

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
Second Sunday of Advent**

December 4, 2022

10 A.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

Noel Suisse

L. Daquin (1694-1772)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE READING

A shoot soon comes from Jesse's stump, and a branch shall spring from roots.

Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children. Let all the people give God praise.

A leader soon comes who will lift the poor with righteousness around his waist.

Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children. Let all the people give God praise.

A child soon comes from an innocent place with wisdom and might he'll lead the way.

Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children. Let all the people give God praise.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

O God, we light the second candle of Advent. We seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender, you come. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.

**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.**

HANGING OF THE GREENS

*HYMN

My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise

NCH #106

UNISON READING

**The perfect peace of the holy angels
derives from their two fixed attitudes:
their love of God and their love for one another.**

The same applies to the saints of all the ages.

This is why it is most truly said:

**"On these two commandments hang
all the Law and the Prophets."**

—Maximus the Confessor (Tr. by Fr. John McGuckin)

ANTHEM

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Joyful Noise

COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER

(based on *Didache*, 2nd century)

First, concerning the broken loaf: We give you thanks, our Loving Creator, for the life and knowledge which you revealed to us through your servant Jesus.

People: *To you is the glory forever.*

And concerning the cup: We give you thanks, our Loving Creator, for the holy vine of your servant David which you revealed to us through your servant Jesus.

People: *To you is the glory forever.*

SELAH

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PARTAKING

O God, just as this broken loaf was scattered over the hill as grain, and, having been gathered together, became one; in like fashion, may your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

People: *Because yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.* (distribute bread)

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Life...

In remembrance of our Lord Jesus, Our Way, Truth, and Life (partake)

O God, just as this juice comes from a gathering of grapes grown on a vine rooted deep, in like fashion, may we be rooted in the Vine that is Christ, and bear good fruit together as look to your kingdom. Before all these things, we give you thanks because you are powerful on our behalf.

People: *Because yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.* (distribute juice)

The Lifeblood of the New Covenant, the Cup of Wholeness...

In remembrance of our Lord Jesus, Our Way, Truth, and Life (partake)

COMMUNION BLESSING

We give you thanks, the Giver and Nurturer of Life, for your holy name, which you tabernacle in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith and immortality which you revealed to us through your servant Jesus.

People: *To you is the glory forever.*

Remember, Lord, your church. Refuge her from all evil. Perfect her in your love and gather her together from the four winds as the blessed into your kingdom which you have prepared for her,

People: because yours is the power and the glory forever.

Hosanna to God, the One, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit! Amen!

MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN

Lynette Astolfi

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* the children depart to their classroom to *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

PSALM IN SONG

Psalm 85

Poor Bishop Hooper

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12

REFLECTION

The Art of Waiting

*HYMN

Each Year We Sing of Christ's Peace

see insert

JOYS, SORROWS OR CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Amen

Traditional

*HYMN

When Peace Like a River (It is Well)

NCH #438

INVITATION TO GIVE

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (in unison)

We dedicate these gifts that have been shared for the fortification of the beloved community. Let these gifts do justice in the world. Let them be a signal to the people that there is a God who saves, heals, and sets free. Amen.

*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.

*CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE

Noel Nouvelet

Rawsthorne, arr.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service <i>-In-person Worship will be live-streamed via Facebook-</i>
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

Today's Deacon in Charge:

Dave Ryan

In our Prayers this week, we remember:

Abigail Zakrzewski, Rob Calder, Melissa & Kiley Mazurek and family, 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), Mert Coulombe (Beth Fraychak's friend), Catherine Haugh (Covenant to Care for Children liaison), 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,

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS WISH TREE:

Gift tags are on the tree in our Narthex for our Covenant to Care children. Please return wrapped gifts or gift cards by **Sunday December 18th**.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:

Deadline to order your Christmas Poinsettias is quickly approaching. Please get all orders in to the Church Office by **December 11th**.

SERVICE OF LIGHT:

Join Us for the **Service of Light** on Sunday, December 11th at 10 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:

We will be celebrating Christmas with lots of music...please join us for the **Children's Christmas Celebration** on **Sunday, December 18th**!

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT WORSHIP:

This year we will be hosting a Christmas Eve Midnight Worship at 11:30 p.m. that will take us into Christmas Day. This will be the **only** Worship service on Christmas weekend.

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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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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- 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 # _____