



**The Congregational  
Church of Plainville**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*All Welcomed. All Valued. All Loved.  
An Open & Affirming and “God is Still Speaking” Church*

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



The Order of Morning Worship  
Reign of Jesus Christ Sunday

November 24, 2024

10 A.M.

*May you receive God's comfort, insight & inspiration through worship, prayer & song.*

\* please stand in body and/or spirit

PRELUDE *Consolation* Mendelssohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN *Come Forth, O Love Divine* NCH #289

\*SELAH *(a moment of pause & preparation)*

\*THE 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.

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to Lord Jesus and to the Love of God he taught and lived.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*the children depart to their classroom\*

ANTHEM *Day By Day* Schwartz

MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN Gina Guglietta

JOYS, SORROWS OR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

\* HYMN *God Is My Shepherd* NCH #479

SCRIPTURE READINGS                      *John 18:33-37*

PASTOR'S MEDITATION                      “Just Jesus”

\*HYMN    *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*    NCH #43

\*INVITATION TO GIVE

\*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (in unison)  
    **Generous God, we give you thanks for the opportunity to give our offering,  
    to participate in ministry through our material resources, and to show our  
    trust in your provision. Help us be good stewards and generous givers in  
    your name and for your glory. Amen.**

\*DOXOLOGY  
    *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 PRAYER

POSTLUDE    *Postlude*    Purcell

*Please Join Us for Coffee Hour in Kelsey Hall after Worship*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		<i>-In-person Worship will be live-streamed via Facebook-</i>
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship at Panera, Bristol
	7:00 p.m.	God Talk @ C.C.P.
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

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Today's GCT Member in Charge:

Dave Ryan  
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***In our Prayers this week, we remember:*** Emily Collins (Nicholas Collins's niece), Martha Matthews (Chris Anderson's aunt), Skip (Robin Anderson's neighbor), Maggie Upson & Ann Weeks (Ron Call's friends), John (Holly Erickson's brother-in-law), Ken Hemingway (Bill Calder's friend), Steve Cote, Rev. Don Erickson, David (Linda Valeri's friend's brother), Karen & Jack (Bev Letendre's friends), Harrison, Robert & Taryn (Holly Erickson's friend Rozz's family & friend), Tom (Holly Erickson's brother-in-law), Ray Bellamy, Marilyn Ronewicz's sister-in-law, The Ryan Family, Melissa Mazurek, Jean & John, Stormi Morrison (Donna Zapatka's cousin), Sharon Erickson (Rev. Don's mother), Elizabeth Farnum (Teresa Talarico's mother), Joie-Marie Mazurek, Marilyn Borry, Barbara McClellan, Claranne Parker, Sue Piercy, Gabriel Smykla, Bobbi Turcotte

**The families and friends of:** Kevin Searles, Alan Richardson (Rose Eaton's friend), Rev. Dr. Robert LaRochelle, Mike (Dave Ryan's friend)

**Members and friends serving in the military:** Noah Westkott, Jason Guglietta, Bryant J. Cruz, Aiden, Jady, Isaiah, Rayne, 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

### 2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

On October 21st we kicked off our Stewardship campaign for 2025. By now you should have received your 2025 Stewardship packet. Please prayerfully consider your pledge commitment for 2025 and return the commitment card to the church. ***\*\*Your pledge is critical to our Annual Budget\*\**** We need your support - Please give generously.

### CHRISTMAS WISH TREE

Gift tags have been placed on the tree in the Narthex for the children in the caseload of our Covenant to Care for Children Social Worker, Ashley.

We must remind you that gifts (including gift cards) must not exceed \$50.00. Please wrap the gift and securely tape the card to the package or gift card. Placing a gift card in a Christmas card is a good idea.

We ask that you return the Gift, or Gift Card to the church by ***Sunday, December 15th.***

Thank you ahead of time for your support and participation.

### C.C.P. presents... NBSO'S BRASS QUINTET HOLIDAY CONCERT

Bring in the Holidays with *New Britain Symphony Orchestra's Brass Quintet Holiday Concert* on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m.!

Christmas Cheer is in the air, and we invite you to a FREE concert of jolly jazz and heartwarming holiday favorites! Join us for a delightful afternoon of Holiday music as the NBSO's Brass Quintet brings the warmth and spirit of the season to life. There are no tickets or reservations required for this performance. Refreshments will be served. A free will offering will be received to benefit the Save Our Steeple Fund.

### C.C.P. presents... IN THE SPIRIT COFFEEHOUSE

Please join us for an evening dedicated to getting "*In the Spirit*" at a casual coffeehouse to prepare for advent and Christmas on **December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8 p.m.** ***Contact Steve Vastola if you would like to share at the open mic.***

Refreshments will be served. Please bring a non-perishable item for our Blessing Box. A free will offering will be received to benefit the Save Our Steeple Fund.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHRISTMAS ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A 3-part look at the history of how we celebrate Christmas in America.

Part 1: Why December 25th? (**December 4**)

Part 2: Why Santa Claus? (**December 11**)

Part 3: Why the Christmas Decorations? (**December 18**)

### CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES

Christmas Sermon Series: *“Is Your Heart Listening?”*

Festive music, meaningful prayers and readings will be included.

**12/01** - *God Speaks Thru the Prophets*

**12/08** - *God Speaks Thru the Priesthood*

**12/15** - *God Speaks Thru the Holy Family*

**12/22** - *God Speaks Thru the Shepherds*

**12/29** - *God Speaks Thru the Wise Men*

### SERVICE OF LIGHT SERVICE

Join us for a Service of Light worship of music, scripture, and liturgy for those who are hurting during this Holiday season on **December 15<sup>th</sup>** at **10 a.m.**

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with special music by the Amadeus Ringers on **December 24<sup>th</sup>** at **5 p.m.**