



**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
Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

10 A.M.

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

* please stand in body and/or spirit

PRELUDE

Winter

A. Vivaldi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Today as we light the third candle of Advent we look to John, the one you sent, to point us to your light. The light will come into our world and enlighten everyone. God sent John the Baptizer to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus Christ, the true Light of the World. John called for people to repent their sins and to live faithfully. He baptized with a cleansing water and proclaimed the new life that Christ, the one who would follow him, would bring. This Advent, we ask for God's mercy and a joyful new beginning. Let us light the candle of joy.

Merciful God, we give thanks that you send messengers like John to call us to greater faith. We ask that in these days we prepare for you in prayer and acts of holy compassion. Forgive us and lead us to your light. Amen.

*HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter

see insert

OPENING PRAYER

*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 the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

SERVICE OF LIGHT

CANDLE REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN *Be Still My Soul* see insert

** children may now depart to Sunday School*

MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN Ellen Binder

ANTHEM *Hear The Angels* R. Cain

PASTOR'S MEDITATION *God Speaks Thru the Holy Family*

*HYMN *Joy to the World* NCH #132

*INVITATION TO GIVE

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (in unison)

God of Holy Darkness and Returning Light, we give of our full hearts, knowing that you will bless this world with love. We give of our full minds, knowing that you will bless this world with peace. We give of our full souls, knowing that you will bless this world with hope. May the joy of your gifts encourage us to share the best we have, creating your Realm here on earth. 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 *Theme and Variation* J. Pachelbel

This morning's altar flowers were donated by the Karabin Family in loving memory of Charlotte Karabin and the loved ones who have passed before us.

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

Today's GCT Member in Charge:

Diana Drachenberg

In our Prayers this week, we remember: Brittney (Rose Eaton's friend), Glen (Bill Calder's friend), Jeanie (Jane Calandriello's niece), Don (Jennifer Zakrzewski's father), Jim Negro (Joanna Vastola's uncle), Meg Lynn (Marianne Wright's friend's daughter), Linda (Robin Anderson's sister), Melissa (Jocelyn Michaud's daughter's friend), Rusty Cone (Rex Cone's brother), Marcus (Barbara McClellan's grandson), Elaine's mom (Rose Eaton's friend), Rose Eaton's nephew, Jean McCormick (Bev Letendre's friend), Florence (Marilyn Borry's friend), Martha Matthews (Chris Anderson's aunt), Skip (Robin Anderson's neighbor), Maggie Upson & Ann Weeks (Ron Call's friends), Tom & John (Holly Erickson's brothers-in-law), Sharon Erickson (Rev. Don's mother), Joie-Marie Mazurek, Melissa Mazurek, Stormi Morrison (Donna Zapatka's cousin), Claranne Parker, Sue Piercy, Gabriel Smykla, Bobbi Turcotte

The families and friends of: Bob St. Onge, June Kovalsky, John Manafort (Justin Manafort's father), Joey Blair (Cheryl Cone's friend's son), Daryl, 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.

The Rev. Don Erickson, Senior Minister
Peter Peluso, Guest Choir Director & Organist
Teresa Talarico, Church Administrator
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2024 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 Order of Service. **There will be one line for each donated plant.** The plants are \$13.00 each.

Also, this year, participants will have the option to make a **suggested donation of \$13.00** to C.C.P. in honor, or remembrance, of someone special with the names of the donors and those they are honoring or remembering listed in the Order of Service, **but with no plants ordered.**

Lastly, we will again 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 21st. These plants **will not** be noted in the Order of Service.

A portion of the proceeds of this year's Poinsettia Sale will go towards the **Save Our Steeple Fund.**

Please complete the form on the back and return it to the Church Office with payment by **Sunday, December 15th. No order will be accepted without payment.** You may attach multiple forms together if needed. All plants must be pre-ordered. Please circle Honor or Memory in each notation.

Checks (made out to C.C. P.) or Cash will be accepted. Payment and completed forms can be returned to:

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

This floral ministry of the church is coordinated through the God Care Team and the Minister.

Please contact the Church Office at churchoffice@uccplainville.org or 860/747-1901 with any questions.

Thank you for participating in this beautiful ministry.



2024 Poinsettia Order Form

Order Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 15, 2023

Price: \$13.00 each (All orders require prepayment)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

- 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 the Worship Team. *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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- I would like to **donate \$13.00** in honor/memory of the people noted below. *(No plants purchased)* 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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- I would like to order _____ (# of plants) for **personal use**. I will pick these up at church on Saturday, December 21st. I understand these will not be noted in the bulletin.

Total # plants ordered _____ **x \$13.00 = \$** _____

Make checks payable to "C.C.P."

Send checks and completed forms to:
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