



St. John's United Church of Christ

December 31, 2023

First Sunday After Christmas



[* = Those who are able may stand, L = Leader, P = People and A = All]

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS

***THE INTROIT** *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"* No. 134
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 148)(Responsive)**

L. Praise God in the heavens! Praise God among us! Praise the Holy One!
P. Praise God who vindicates us! Praise God who sustains us!
 L. Praise God from the depths! Praise God in all circumstances!
P. Praise the Creator who made us! Praise God who shapes us!
 L. Let all praise the name of the Holy One!
P. The glory of God reigns in heaven and on earth! Praise the Holy One!^{ww}

***THE OPENING HYMN** *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* No. 164

***THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

Redeeming God, you have met us in valleys, on storming seas, and on mountaintops. We welcome your presence now as we come to worship you. We gather in gratitude and assurance that you are our God, and we proclaim with gladness that we are your people. Some come in need of encouragement or comfort. Others need a healing touch. We hunger and thirst for righteousness as we praise and honor your name. Transform us to be living vessels of your love and living witnesses of your continuing presence in the world. Amen.^{ww}

***GLORIA PATRI** No.35

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 with out end. Amen. Amen.

THE ANTHEM *"Jesus What a Wonderful Child"* -Larson

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

THE SONG *"Away in a Manger"* (words below)

(Please join in singing as the children return to their seats.)

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

Generous God, we thank you for every good and perfect gift you have given to us and through us. Use our offerings this day for the benefit of creation, the redemption of humanity, and your glory. Amen. ^{ww}

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:10-11

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

THE HYMN *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* No.86

SERMON

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***THE HYMN** *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"* No.6

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

***THE HYMN** *"Go in Peace"* No. 445

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

^{ww}*Vindication: Service Prayers for the First Sunday after Christmas* was written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

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Worship services will be found on the church website, www.myucc.org, by clicking on the "sermons" tab. And on the church Facebook page, *St. John's United Church of Christ Vincennes*.

Many hearts. Many voices. One church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Continuing Prayer Requests Bruce Deckard, Don Osborne, Jr., Dale Linneweber, For the family of Dannie Roark & Family, for Gary Myer and family. For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying let's include all in our prayers.



Addresses for Shut-ins and Others

Norma Meyer, Colonial Assisted Living, - Room 142, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Susie Milligan, Colonial Assisted Living, - 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Leona Conway, Willow Manor, -request correspondence be sent to 2009 Forbes Rd. Vincennes IN

Marge Beamon, Remains in rehab. Please send cards and notes to, 1401 Ritterskamp Avenue.

Franklyn Schroeder, Oak Village Health Care Center – 200 4th Street, Oaktown, IN 47561

Home

Alexander Family
Bruce Deckard

If you have a caregiving need such as a hospital stay, a visit or desire communion, please contact the church office, Janet Goodman (chairman of Caregivers) or any caregiver listed below. We would appreciate your help and want to make sure everyone is blessed by St. John's when you need it! St. John's UCC Caregivers- Ed and Brenda Cummings, Cindy Deckard, Connie and Dan Coulter, Peggy Meyer, Ray Pieper, Terry and Janet Goodman, Lonny Vieck, Larry and Betsy Marchino.



Joy D. Tooley
December 29, 1948-December 27, 2023

Joy D. Tooley, 74, passed away December 27, 2023 at 11:12 PM at Willow Manor Health and Rehabilitation. Joy was born December 29, 1948 in Freelandville, IN the daughter of Hilbert "Hib" and Helen Parham

Kixmiller. Joy was a graduate of North Knox High School and continued her education receiving her Masters degree in Education. She taught at North Knox and Vincennes Community School Corp, she held memberships at St. John United Church of Christ, ABWA, Chicks of 66 and formerly Bethel Church in Freelandville, IN. She married K. Bruce Tooley on January 17, 1970 and they made their life together for over 48 years until his death on December 30, 2018. Joy is survived by her daughter, Amy L. Tooley of Terre Haute, IN and her many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her sister in law, Bonnie Tooley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce Tooley, her parents, Hib and Helen Kixmiller, and 2 brothers Tom Kixmiller and David Kixmiller.

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ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastors	Rev Dennis Frische-Mouri Rev Linda Frische-Mouri
Head Usher	Steve Cooper
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Jill Doggett
Sound	Bruce Deckard
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Pastoral Search Chair	Sheri Stodghill



Any items left out in kitchen after January 1, 2024 will be disposed of.
Please help us to keep our facility clean and uncluttered.

How would you like to see and engage with others that walk through our church doors on Sunday mornings. This is a good way to build that connection with your church family. The Evangelism & Membership committee is looking for individuals or families to serve as greeters 3-4 times a year. There is a sign-up sheet on the Memorial Hall bulletin board or tear off the bottom of this sheet with your name and the best way to contact you to arrange a Sunday that suits you to volunteer.

Name: _____

Best contact method: _____

Best month or time of the year: _____



Virtual Worship Service is still available on the church website, myucc.org Worship Services are also "Live Streamed" on the Church's FACEBOOK page



THIS WEEK in the Life of St. John's

SUNDAY, December 31

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

MONDAY, January 1

New Years Day

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, January 3

Dinner at McAlister's 5pm

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, January 4

Girl Scouts 4:30-6:30

FRIDAY, January 5

Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6pm

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, January 7

Kickoff 175th Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday School 9:15 am

Fellowship 10am

Worship 10:30am

MONDAY, January 8

Evangelism & Membership 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, January 10

Dinner at Pub n Grub 5pm

Christian Ed 6pm

Choir 7pm