

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 3, 2021

*Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them,
and give them gladness for sorrow.*

Jeremiah 31:13

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

GATHERING PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**O God, as you have so wonderfully created,
and even more wonderfully restored,
the dignity of our human nature, so grant that
we may share the divine life of the one who
chose in humility to share our humanity,
even Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever,
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-18 N.T. p. 91

MESSAGE THE LIGHT THAT SHINES IN DARKNESS

HYMN OF RESPONSE Red 100 *The First Nowell* vs. 1,4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Music

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father (Creator), Son (Christ), and Holy Ghost.
Prayer of Dedication**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament

Communion Prayer

It is truly fitting and right ...

... and so with your whole Church on earth
and with all the company of heaven, we worship
and adore your glorious name.

**Black #792 Holy, holy, holy God Ruler Almighty,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory
be to you, O God. Blessed is the one who comes,
who comes in the name of God. Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we recall anew ...

... we boldly say what we believe:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come, holy spirit, come ...

And now as Christ our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

(Many Congregationalists in the early days felt that using the Lord's Prayer as a fixed part of worship was far too "liturgical." The traditional form in this Congregation uses "debts" and "debtors," but you are free to join in with whatever version you know.)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

BLESSING AND SENDING

HYMN Black 154 Go Tell It on the Mountain

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Our Sympathy and Prayers to the family of Robert Fritsche. Robert passed away December 22, 2020 at the age of 77. Robert is survived by his

two children: Melissa Fritsche (Raymond Moore) of Orlando and Michael (Michelle) Fritsche of Spring Lake. Bob was a longtime member of FCC. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Arrangements through The Lee Chapel of Sytsema.

FCC Office Cell Phone Number: 231-260-8559. Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. You may also text to the cell phone number.

Please continue to send us your prayers of concern and joy through our Prayer Connection: fccprayerconnection@gmail.com. You may also email Deb C. at this email and ask to be added to receive the prayer concerns and joys that others are requesting.

Weekly Calendar:

Sun Jan 03 10:00 am Virtual Youth Worship on FCC Youth Group Facebook Page
10:30 am Virtual Worship Service/Remembrance Sunday
Tue Jan 05 11:00 am Virtual Staff Meeting
2:00 pm FCC Food Pantry
Wed Jan 06 10:00 am Virtual Youth Worship Activity
Thu Jan 07 6:30 pm Virtual Worship & Music Department Meeting
Sun Jan 10 10:00 am Virtual Youth Worship
10:30 am Virtual Worship Service

Weekly Scripture

SUN Jan 03 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18

MON Jan 04 I John 2:29-3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3-6; John 1:29-34

TUE Jan 05 I John 3:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 7-9; John 1:35-42

WED Jan 06 EPIPHANY

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

THU Jan 07 I John 4:19-5:4; Psalm 72:1-2, 14-15, 17; Luke 4:14-22

FRI Jan 08 I John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16

SAT Jan 09 I John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-6a, 9b; John 3:22-30

SUN Jan 10 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11