

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020

*Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for God
will speak peace to God's people, to God's faithful,
but let them not return to their folly.*

Psalm 85:8

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

LIGHTING THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

GATHERING PRAYER

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

you sent your messengers the prophets

to preach repentance

and to prepare the way for our salvation.

Give us grace to heed their message

and so find true peace

in the coming of Christ among us.

This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever,

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

MESSAGE A GOD WHO SPEAKS PEACE TO THOSE WHO TURN

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Comfort, Comfort O My People*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All Respond: O God, hear our prayer

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament

Communion Prayer

ending with 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 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.)

Invitation

Sharing the Bread and Cup

BLESSING AND SENDING

HYMN *God Be with You til We Meet Again*

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Our Sympathy And Prayers to Jonathon Riedel and family on the passing of his father Robert Riedel. Bob passed away on November 27, 2020. Bob was a member of FCC and in the Motet Choir.

Our Sympathy And Prayers to the family of Ruth Steiner. Ruth passed away on November 25, 2020 at the age of 94. Ruth was a lifetime member of FCC and involved in many departments and committees. She was active in community events till she declined in health and moved closer to her children. As with Ruth's wishes, cremation has taken place and no service is planned. Memorial contributions may be made to FCC.

Mission For Area People will be the recipient of our Mission's Virtual Gifting Tree this year. MAP will be having a TEEN TOWN CHRISTMAS GIVE AWAY, focusing on the often forgotten teens ages 15-18. This year you will be able to give a monetary gift donation on our website until December 11, 2020, or you may give directly on Mission For Area People's website (Missionforareapeople.org) On their giving donation they will have a note area. Please note you are a member of FCC. That helps them track who is from where. Many thanks for helping out this year. Please be reminded ***we will not be collecting any presents for them. MAP will use your gift of money and do the shopping for you!***

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.

Weekly Calendar:

Sun Dec 06 10:00 am Virtual Youth Worship on FCC Youth Group
Facebook Page
10:30 am Virtual Worship Service/Remembrance Sunday
Tue Dec 08 11:00 am Virtual Staff Meeting
2:00 pm FCC Food Pantry
Wed Dec 09 9:00 am Building Volunteers
10:00 am Virtual Youth Worship Activity
Sun Dec 13 10:00 am Virtual Youth Worship
10:30 am Virtual Worship Service

Weekly Scripture

SUN Dec 06 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15; Mark 1:1-8

MON Dec 07 Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85:8-13; Luke 5:17-26

TUE Dec 08 Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 10-13; Matthew 18:12-14

WED Dec 09 Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-4, 8-10; Matthew 11:28-30

THU Dec 10 Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145:1, 8-13; Matthew 11:11-15

FRI Dec 11 Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Matthew 11:16-19

SAT Dec 12 Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 (Apocrypha); Psalm 80:1-3, 14-15, 17-18

Matthew 17:10-13

SUN Dec 13 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; I Thessalonians 5:16-24

