

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2020

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

LIGHTING THE THIRD 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.

Stir up your power, O god,

And come among us with great might.

Fill us with the joy of your saving presence,

**as we welcome you, that we may be in word and deed
the bearers of Good News which you call us to be.**

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 I Thessalonians 5:16-24

MESSAGE Examine Carefully; Hang on to What Is Good

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.)

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

HYMN *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Thank you to all who donated to Mission For Area People's Teen Christmas. Your generosity will brighten a teen's Christmas!

Can you spot the hidden object in today's service? If so, please go to the Youth Worship Facebook page and post your answer! This is for young and old!

Our Christmas Eve Service will take place at 5:00 pm on YouTube and Facebook on December 24. We will broadcast it on Comcast Channel 7 at 7:00 pm December 25. Please join us.

Weekly Calendar:

Sun Dec 13	10:00 am	Virtual Youth Worship on FCC Youth Group Facebook Page
	10:30 am	Virtual Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Virtual Christian Education Meeting
Tue Dec 15	11:00 am	Virtual Staff Meeting
	2:00 pm	FCC Food Pantry
Wed Dec 16	9:00 am	Building Volunteers
	10:00 am	Virtual Youth Worship Activity
Thu Dec 17	5:00 pm	Virtual Finance Committee Meeting
Sun Dec 20	10:00 am	Virtual Youth Worship
	10:30 am	Virtual Worship Service

Weekly Scripture

SUN Dec 13 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

MON Dec 14 Numbers 24:2-7a, 15-17; Psalm 25:4-9
Matthew 21:23-27

TUE Dec 15 Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 5-6, 15
Matthew 1:1:1-17

WED Dec 16 Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1, 12-13, 18-19
Matthew 1:18-24

THU Dec 17 Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-6, 16-17
Luke 1:5-25

FRI Dec 18 Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-6
Luke 1:26-38

SAT Dec 19 Song of Solomon 2:8-14 *or* Zephaniah 3:14-18;
Psalm 33:1-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45

SUN Dec 20 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
II Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38