

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 20, 2020**

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**LIGHTING THE FOURTH 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.

**Gracious God, the warmth of your love  
is our true heart's desire, and in the  
light of your Word we find Wisdom and Truth.  
So increase our longing for your coming among us,  
and with it our hope, our peace, our joy and  
our love, because you know we can depend on you.  
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** Luke 1:46b-55

**MESSAGE** See What Love.

**HYMN OF RESPONSE *Of the Father's Love Begotten***

**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 *Now Bless the God of Israel***

## **POSTLUDE**

## **Announcements**

**Our Christmas Eve Service** will be at 5:00 pm on December 24, virtually, on YouTube and Facebook and then on December 25 at 7:00 on Comcast Channel 7. Please join us for this inspirational Service. The decorations are beautiful, our music will put you in the Christmas spirit, as will Tim's message. Please join us and also share with family and friends! Our website is: [www.fccmuskegon.org](http://www.fccmuskegon.org). A link will take you to our service. Our Facebook page is: First Congregational Church U.C.C.

**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:**

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| <b>Sun Dec 20</b> | 10:00 am | Virtual Youth Worship on FCC Youth Group Facebook Page |
|                   | 10:30 am | Virtual Worship Service                                |
| <b>Mon Dec 21</b> | 6:30 pm  | Virtual Governing Board Meeting                        |
| <b>Tue Dec 22</b> | 11:00 am | Virtual Staff Meeting                                  |
|                   | 2:00 pm  | FCC Food Pantry  |
| <b>Wed Dec 23</b> | 10:00 am | Virtual Youth Worship Activity                         |
| <b>Thu Dec 24</b> | 5:00 pm  | Virtual Christmas Eve Service                          |
| <b>Fri Dec 25</b> |          | Merry Christmas  |
| <b>Sun Dec 27</b> | 10:00 am | Virtual Youth Worship                                  |
|                   | 10:30 am | Virtual Worship Service                                |

## **Weekly Scripture**

- 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
- MON Dec 21**      Song of Solomon 2:8-14 *or* Zephaniah 3:14-18;  
Psalm 33:1-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45
- TUE Dec 22**      I Samuel 1:24-28; I Samuel 2:1, 4-8  
Luke 1:46-58
- WED Dec 23**      Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; Luke 21:28;  
Luke 1:57-56
- THU Dec 24**      II Samuel 7:1-5; 8:11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4  
Luke 1:67-79 *and* Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97;  
Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20
- FRI Dec 25**      **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)  
John 1:1-14
- SAT Dec 26**      **FEAST OF STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR**  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Psalm 31:2-3, 5, 6-7, 16, 20;  
Matthew 10:17-22
- SUN Dec 27**      **REPLAY OF CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**READINGS FOR 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas**  
Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7;  
Luke 2:22-40