



DECEMBER 26, 2021

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ)

December 26, 2021

10:30 AM

The Reverend Steven Price
Mr. Frankie Bones
Mr. Ryan Hubbell

Pastor
Church Musician
Technical Support

The First Sunday after Christmas

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!

GATHERING

Please take this time to center yourself as we listen to this morning's prelude.

Prelude

Frankie Bones

Words of Welcome

Pastor Steven

As we begin our service, just some notes of preparation:

1. For **Communion**: For those who might have forgotten, elements are available on the tables in the atrium.
2. **Prayer** requests – **Please text your prayer requests to Beth Fulkerson at 585.755.6310 by the time we're listening to Special Music/Anthem.** State your name should your number not be in her contact list and your requests will be read during community prayer.
3. In consideration of all, please **wear a mask at all times** while in the building.
4. **Announcements will take place right before the benediction.** Should you have an **Announcement** to share, text it to Beth at the above number identifying it as an **Announcement** vs. a prayer request. She will read those as well as highlight the ones printed in the bulletin at the end of the service.

† First Hymn

Away in a Manger

Chalice Hymnal, No. 147

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes
I love You, Lord Jesus look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask You to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with You there

A Poem **Improv on Dr. Seuss' The Grinch Who Stole Christmas**

† Second Hymn ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 150
(All verses note the adoration language)

Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise Join the triumph of the skies
With th' angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark, the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of peace Hail! the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all he brings Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the some of earth Born to give them second birth
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Interlude: Prayer requests to Beth Fulkerson at 585.755.6310

Reading “Seating Chart” by Brian Doyle

ENGAGING

Introduction to the Gospel Reading

Gospel Reading Luke 2:41-52 Pew Bible, NT page 59

Sermon The Reverend Steven Price

Music for Reflection Frankie Bones
Elders, please come forward.

RESPONDING

Offertory Sentence and Blessing

While no plates are passed during the offering, your gifts are still needed and appreciated for the continuation of our ministries. You are welcome to use the Tithe.ly app on our webpage, send a gift via U.S. mail, or through your bank.

* ***An offering plate is available in the narthex for those who would like to give after worship.***

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*This table is open to all. Together we are the Body of Christ.
We will partake of the Bread and the Cup in unison following the Elder's prayer.*

Prayers for Our Community and the World

Hear now our community prayers. After request... God in your goodness, grace or mercy... **People: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us say together the prayer Jesus taught those he loved . . .

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father (or Creator) which 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.**

GOING FORTH

† Concluding Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Chalice Hymnal, No. 167

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a Holy light (to refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth (to refrain)

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And brought us all salvation
That blessed Christmas morn (to refrain)

Preparing to Go Out and Participate in the Life of the Church

Beth Fulkerson will share an abbreviated version of each announcement in the bulletin. If you have something to announce that is NOT in the bulletin, please **text** it to Beth Fulkerson at **585.755.6310** and begin your message with the word "**Announcement.**" This is one way of assuring that those on ZOOM will be able to hear all the announcements. Thank you for your cooperation.

Benediction

Land Acknowledgment: Our physical space stands on unceded land originally stewarded by the Seneca people. Today let us acknowledge and honor the Seneca nation by walking paths that lead to equality for all and care for creation.

Postlude

Frankie Bones



† All who are able, please stand.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders Kathy Schaefer & Jeannie Strong Deacons Karen Destino
ZOOM Host Barbara Coe Greeter All God's People!



OUR CHURCH AT WORK

READY TO SERVE: ***The Reverend Steven Price, Pastor***
Pastor Steven can be reached at 733-7121 or RevStevenCCC@gmail.com.

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News You Can Use at Community Christian Church

Today's ZOOM service was recorded.
To access the recording, visit our
website: Cccopentoall.org.
It will be posted early this week.

Merry Christmas from Sandy in the Church Office!

Stop by the church atrium and pick up a gift from me to you ... a new Church Directory! Finally, the long-awaited directory has been updated and is ready for you to pick up a copy. We tried our best to get the most up-to-date contact information on our members and friends and that would not have been possible without the efforts of my personal detective, Patti Ayers. Thank you, Patti for all your help!

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On Sunday, **January 9, 2022** directly following worship we will hold our **Annual Congregational Meeting**. This is a very important gathering in the life of our church. The proposed 2022 slate of officers and the proposed budget for 2022 will be presented for congregational approval. We need your presence and input. **Please attend and participate!**

HOPES and PRAYERS – Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.

Join Pastor Steven and Diane Ellis via ZOOM for a time of sharing those things heavy on your heart as well as lifting up the ways God has already blessed your life or answered your prayers. A ZOOM invitation will be sent Monday evening.

Intent to Give Envelopes are Available

For those that requested 2022 intent to give envelopes you can find them on the table in the main office. If you did not request envelopes but still want them please see Pat Cannon or Kate Bissinger or send an email to finsecty.ccc@gmail.com.

A MOJO MOMENT

The Diaper Drive

To the congregation of Community Christian Church,

We are beyond thankful and blessed by your contribution of diapers for our moms and their children. This will give us the opportunity to bless so many.

Blessings,

MaryAnn Brady

Manager at Healthy Moms, Rochester Regional Health

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(from MOJO)

The Christmas Collection for the Open Door Mission on Coldwater Road

This week, we delivered 60 gifts to the women and children who currently reside at the shelter. Some were cooking toys and others were dishes and vacuums. Shirts, pants, shoes and gift cards were also contributed as well as perfume and body wash. One woman gave birth to her baby while residing in the shelter and we provided a much-needed high chair.

Thank you to the congregation for your generosity. The managers were delighted to get these donations and I saw a child or two peeking at us as we delivered the gifts. A cheery Christmas will be had by all—because of you!

Hungry for Some Inspiration?

Sign up now for the CCC Daily Dish - a heaping helping of inspiration! MOJO, in cooperation with our diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, is launching a new daily engagement platform. You can opt in by texting **CCCDailyDish to 43506**. Each day you'll receive a short message to ponder, reflect on, and/or share with others. Questions? Ask Shawna (shawnalusk@gmail.com or 576-5159).

Best Wishes to Those Celebrating Birthdays & An Anniversary This Week . . .

A belated “Happy Birthday” to Maria Hartz on December 22

December 27	Evan Dobbins
December 29	David Dobbins
December 30	Leslie Apetz
	Nancy Pollock & Jim Hathaway, anniversary

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 27 th	6:30 PM	Elders’ Meeting – Theater Room
Tuesday, December 28 th	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	12:00 PM	Deadline for bulletin announcements
Wednesday, December 29 th	7:00 PM	NO Sr. Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 31 st		New Year’s Eve – Please party safely!
Saturday, January 1 st		Happy New Year!!
Sunday, January 2 nd		<i>Epiphany Sunday</i>
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Please wear a mask.
	10:45 AM	Children leave for Faith Formation Activities

“RECORDING OUR STORIES” PROJECT

WHAT: Recording stories from each church person (kids too!)

ABOUT: Who you are and someone who has been an important influence in your life (a “saint” for you!)

HOW: By ZOOM – done in groups of 2 (interviewing each other)

WHEN: Starting in November 2021 and occurring over the next several months

WHERE: At your home or at church (your preference)

COORDINATORS: Jeannie Strong and Carol Giblin; Ryan Hubbell as ZOOM master

This project is part of the Sabbatical funding that Steven Price received through the Lily Foundation grant. It will also be a part of the church’s 125th Anniversary which is coming up next year! Jeannie and Carol will be contacting everyone at some point to schedule their recording so be thinking ahead to who you would like to remember on your recording and also who you would like to have as your recording partner! All the information you need will be provided before you record; Jeannie and Carol will help you with any questions you may have!