

The Week Ahead...

Sunday, December 26	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle
Wednesday, December 29	1pm Book Group in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, January 2	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle

Pastor Joe is off this week and will not be in the office. He and the Emergency Pastoral Care Team are available to respond to pastoral emergencies.

First Church Giving Opportunities

1st Sunday of the Month- Supportive Friends Sunday

-First Church Deacon’s fund -The Community Meal program -“Love Offerings” honoring our friends and family

2nd Sunday of the Month- Sheltering Sunday

-Holy Family Shelter & the No-Freeze Shelter -Our First Church Building fund

3rd Sunday of the Month- Sustenance Sunday

Welcoming gifts of food items and funds for: -The Soup Kitchen -Our First Church Blessing Box -Tuna Church for Access Agency

4th Sunday of the Month- School & Service Sunday:

-Items for Church World Service School Kits and Hygiene Kits



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Rev. Joseph Blotz, Pastor + Erik Haeger, Organist

Olivia Russell, Worship Circle Coordinator

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS + DECEMBER 26, 2021

Welcome to Our Guests!

*We’re delighted you have joined us for worship; the members are the ministers of this church...
if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us!*

Playing the Chimes and Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Opening Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* CH155

Opening Prayer
You spoke, O God, and your Word became flesh, breathing a new song of joy and praise into the world. Grant that we may bear the good news of your love, proclaiming your promise of peace to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Gloria Patri Paul Vasile

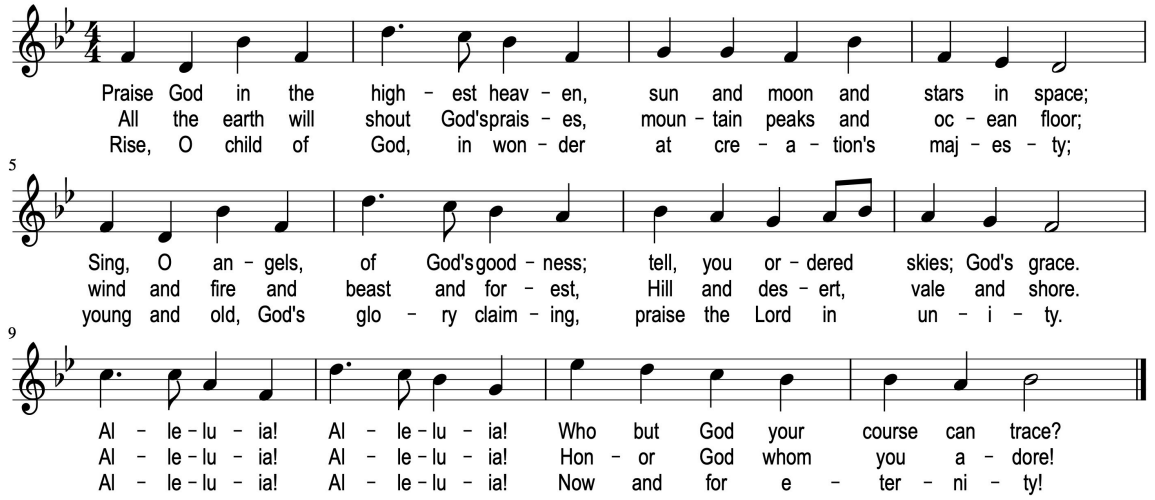
Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines one me, and to the Christ, whose grace has
end, world with-out end, A - men. World with-out end, world with-out
par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free! As it
end, A - men. World with-out e - nd, world with-out end, A - men.
was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, A - men World with-out men!

Epistle Colossians 3:12-17

Psalter

Psalms 148

Regent Square



Gospel

John 1:1-14

Reflection

Jesus the Word

Mark Bozzuti-Jones

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Hymn

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CH153

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

Please pray the Prayer of Jesus in whatever language is most comfortable for you.

The following are offered as examples...

Our Father/Mother/Creator,

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/sins/trespasses,

as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

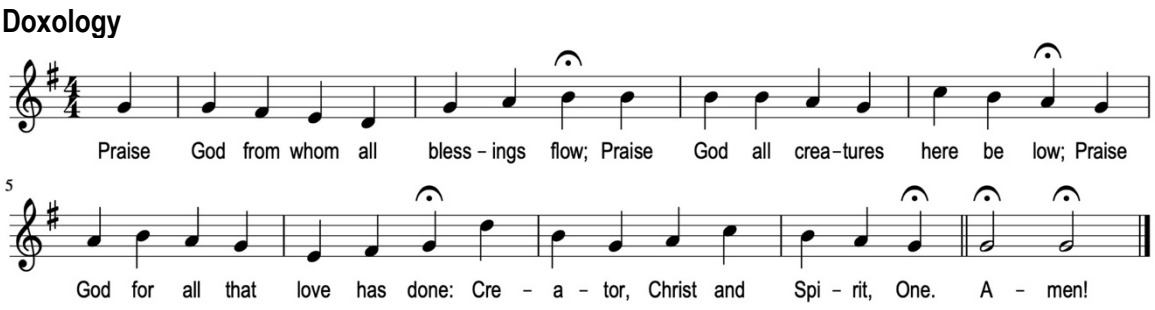
O Little Town of Bethlehem

CH144

Offerings may be placed in passed plates, mailed to: First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC.

Box 36. Mansfield Center, CT 06250, or given online at www.myfcc.info

Doxology



Prayer of Dedication

God of endless generosity, we bring our offerings to you; grow our hearts in giving and in compassion for those our gifts will touch and bless. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

CH164

Benediction