



**First Church of Christ in Mansfield  
(Congregational) United Church of Christ**

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**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT + NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

**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!*

**Chimes and Centering in the Spirit**

**Prelude**

**Welcoming the Light**

Today we light the candle of hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in this world.

**From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community. Let us rest and abide in that good news. Amen.**

**Musical Response**

*Holy is Your Name*

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er -  
a - tions! Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the  
peo - ple you have cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name!

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Hymn**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

CH119

## Prayer of Confession

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say,  
"Bring your full self. There's room for you  
here."

**But we say, "Our lives are too messy."**

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "It's too risky to hope."**

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."**

God of today and God of tomorrow,  
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

**Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.**

**Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

**There's room for every story. Amen.**

## Musical Response

*Holy Is Your Name*

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

## Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

## Psalter

Psalm 122

CH761

## Gospel

Matthew 1:1-17

## Reflection

### Call to Prayer

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

CH127

Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo-ple's e - ver - last - ing light,  
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O Christ, re-deem-er of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

## 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/trespases,**

**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***like a child*

CH133

Offerings may be placed in the collection boxes at the entrances to our worship space,  
mailed to: First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC. Box 36. Mansfield Center, CT 06250, or  
given online at [www.myfcc.info](http://www.myfcc.info)

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures here be low; Praise  
5 God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Accept, O God, this money offered, these gifts given, the goodwill of our hearts, that disappointment may be turned to hope, and worry may be turned to anticipation, as we await with wonder the birth of Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn***Come O Long Expected Jesus*

CH125

**Benediction****The Week Ahead...**

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| Sunday, November 27    | 10:15am Worship and Worship Circle<br>6pm Tree Lighting on the Church Lawn |
| Monday, November 28    | 10am First Church leads Worship at St Joseph Living Center                 |
| Tuesday, November 29   | 6pm Adult Education on Zoom  |
| Wednesday, November 30 | 1pm Book Group in Fellowship Hall  |
| Thursday, December 1   | 12:15 Contemplative Communion<br>7pm Music Ministry in Fellowship Hall     |
| Sunday, December 4     | 10:15am Worship and Worship Circle   |