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*We Worship, We Love, We
Serve -
No Matter What!*

**January 1, 2023
10:45 a.m.**

New Year's Day

The Order of Worship

~ We Worship ~

*** Those who are comfortably able, please stand**

*Welcome to St. John's UCC, Fullerton! We are a place where love can grow!
As the music begins, please find your place and begin
to center your spirit for our worship of God together*

Prelude

Christmas Manger Lullaby
M. Hayes/J. Rutter

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

~ Consistory Installation, Sunday, January 8

~ Baptismal Affirmation, Sunday, January 15

***Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

***Call to Worship**

One: A new day has dawned, a new year begun

All: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

All: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

One: We enter this new year with hope and excitement

**All: O Lord, remind us that You lead us O Lord, guide
us as we look to You and worship You. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn**

Good Christian Friends Rejoice
Verses 1 and 2

Hymn found on Pg. 2

198 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this;
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save;

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 he has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

WORDS: Latin carol, 14th c.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 MUSIC: German melody, 14th c.

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 Irregular

Prayer of Confession

One: Lord Jesus, you create the seasons and the ages. Give us
a new heart and a new spirit:

All: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

One: Lord Jesus, you are the beginning and the end of all that
is, including our lives. Make new beginnings in us all:

All: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

One: Lord Jesus, you breathe your Spirit on all creation.
Make our old world new again:

**All: Have mercy on us, Lord, and let your forgiveness
and love come down on us day after day. Lead us to
everlasting life.**

(Time for silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

One: God is making all things new. The past is over and done.
It taught us many lessons. But God is the God of the
future, new opportunities, new hopes, new dreams,
renewed vision. God dwells with us to be our God. We
are not alone.

All: Thanks be to God, Amen.

Children's Message

Children and youth are welcome to come up to the chancel steps. "Busy
bags" are at the kids' table in the parlor and Rm 201 is open for those whose
children want additional activities and space during worship.

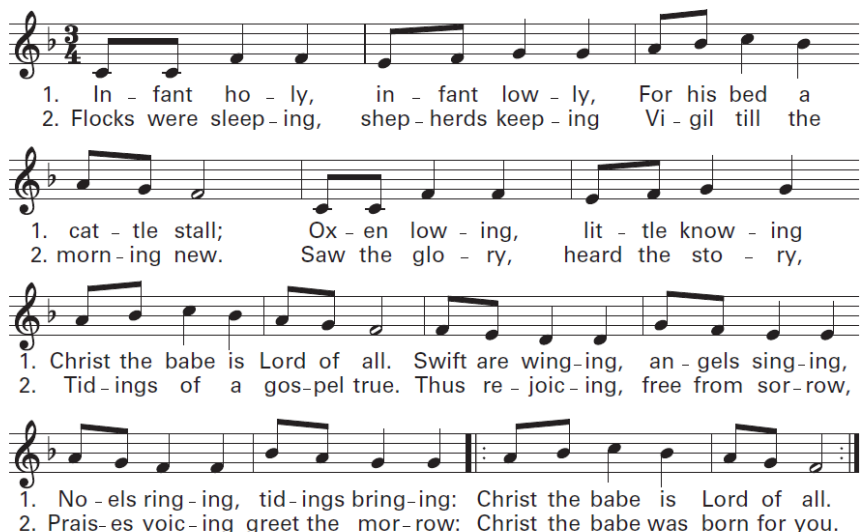
The livestream of worship is shown there. Please have an adult join them!

Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

W ZŁOBIE LEŻY



1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, For his bed a
2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing Vi - gil till the

1. cat - tle stall; Ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing
2. morn - ing new. Saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry,

1. Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing,
2. Tid - ings of a gos - pel true. Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row,

1. No - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.
2. Prais - es voic - ing greet the mor - row: Christ the babe was born for you.

Text: 87 87 88 77; Polish carol; tr. by Edith M. Reed, 1885–1933. Music: Polish carol.

*Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

Tyler Shankweiler

*Please stand in body or in spirit for the reading of God's Word.

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sermon

Rev. Steven Davis

Dreams that Change Your World

Special Music

A Medley of Carols

Regi Mohr (Violin) and Gregg Fisher (Guitar)

~ We Love ~

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Davis

God of many names, in faith we name these persons and needs before you, trusting you to bring your peace, healing and hope to people and circumstances. Hear our prayers for...

We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus, the Christ, whose hope, peace and joy draw us together to pray, saying...

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

Prayer Response

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,

While mortals sleep, the angels keep

Their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!

And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Please sign the communion book in the back of the church
if you have not done so at a service of communion in 2022.*

We Are an Inclusive Community!

In the United Church of Christ, we observe an
“open communion.” ALL persons are welcome to receive
the gifts of God’s grace and love with us at the table.

In the UCC, ALL means ALL!

The Invitation to Receive

One: We are invited to Christ’s table here and now, just as those who came near to his manger bed. We come with joy and need, adoration and concern. We come to experience the love of God. Therefore, this table, like the love of God, is open to all. Come with a sincere heart, with nothing standing in your way. Come as a people, with all our siblings in faith, assured of the fullness of God’s perfect love for us.

All: We thank God for this table of love, promise and life.

Words of Institution and Consecration

Sung Response

Emmanuel

Words and Music by Bob McGee

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The musical notation is written on a single staff in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The first line of music covers measures 1 through 6, with lyrics: 'Em-man - u - el', 'Em-man - u - el', 'His name is called'. The second line starts at measure 7 and covers measures 7 through 13, with lyrics: 'Em-man - u - el', 'God with us', 'Re-vealed in us', 'his name is'. The third line starts at measure 14 and covers measures 14 through 16, with lyrics: 'called', 'Em - man - u - el'. The piece ends with a double bar line at the end of measure 16.

Em-man - u - el Em-man - u - el His name is called

7
— Em-man - u - el God with us Re-vealed in us his name is

14
called Em - man - u - el

Sharing the Meal

As the minister directs, all are welcome to come using the center aisle to any of the stations to receive the gifts of communion. If you are unable to come forward, servers will bring the elements to you.

Eat and drink upon receiving at the station and dispose of your cup at the side, returning to your seats by the side aisles.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Receiving your gifts of love for us, now make us a Christmas people, at peace with what has come, and with hope for what is yet to be, trusting you to guide our next steps in our journey of faith. Keep us open with the tenderness of the newborn one to embrace you and each other with love, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings to God



Thank you for your generosity and
faithfulness in
supporting the ministry of
St. John's UCC!

*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Based on The First Noel*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye Heavenly host.

***Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen, Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

One: For all your gifts and the opportunity to journey in faith
with you and bring hope to your world,

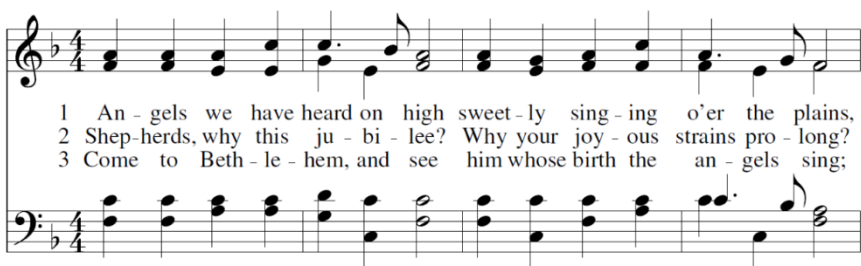
All: **We give you thanks and praise and dedicate these
gifts to your life and love being experienced in the
world Amen.**

~ We Serve ~

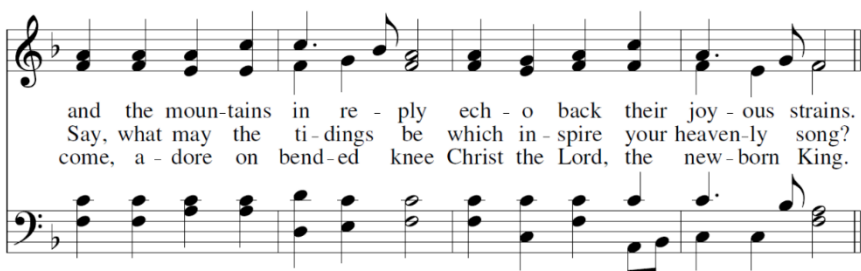
*Hymn

*Angels We Have Heard on High
Verses 1 and 3*

188 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem, and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say, what may the ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Refrain
Glo - - - - - ri - a

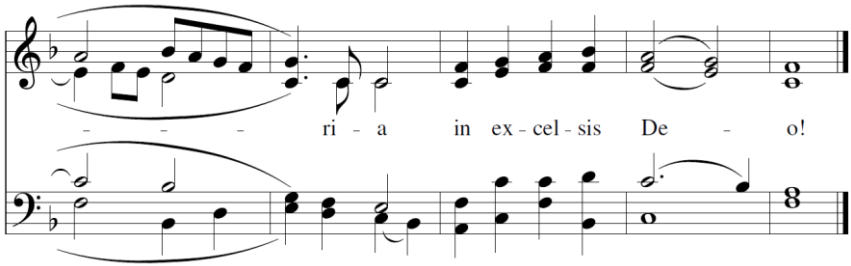


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WORDS and MUSIC: French carol, 18th c.

GLORIA
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*The Benediction

Rev. Davis

Postlude

Postlude on "Gloria"
N. Rawesthrone

*When the altar candles have been extinguished, our time of worship
is concluded and our service in the world continues.*

*The Benediction and Postlude send us out
to be the people of God in our community.*

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In Our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or are in our area hospitals: Richard Baatz, Jim Carr, Carl Case, Sandra Diefenderfer, Robert and Nancy Dougherty, Shirley Downing, Milton Focht, Sally Gibson, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Ginny Hess, Ted Hess, Travis Kaintz, Geraldine Keim, Emma Kuczek-Repp, Jean Litzenberger, Karen Moyer, Eleanor O'Donnell, Jack Ohl, Brenda Pascoe, Joey Raszler, Marietta Seyfried, Madeline Slivka, Eleanor Smith and Nancy Weaver.

We continue to pray for all those serving in our nation's military and for their families for their sacrifices on behalf of our freedom.

If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital, tell them you are a member of St. John's or use the church code, 473.

If you have someone for us to remember in prayer, please contact the church office.

Did you know...? You can sponsor Sunday bulletins as well as altar flowers. Cost is \$20 for bulletins, \$25 for flowers and the monthly newsletter can be sponsored for \$100.

Attendance - December 25

Onsite - 10:45 - 39 Online - 18

Serving in Worship Leadership

January 1

Ushers 10:45 - Janet Ebert, Bill Fink, Wayne Lichtenwalner,
Pete Mohr

Worship Tech 10:45 - Bill Castello

January 8

Ushers 8:15 - Charlotte Kerrigan, Margaret Young

10:45 - Wendy Fox, Roger Knauss, Dewey Yeatts

Worship Tech 8:15 - Michelle Gutekunst

10:45 - Bill Castello

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

Donations needed for January: pancake mix, syrup, jelly and peanut butter. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary where you can place your donations. Monetary contributions are also welcomed. Special offering envelopes are available; you can also make a contribution via text or online.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The Men's Breakfast Group of St. John's meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Hamilton Family Restaurant located at 2027 Hamilton St. in Allentown. Our next meeting is on **January 7 at 8:30 a.m.** We would be pleased to have you join us. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Bob Bold at 610-393-6123 or email at QVRRBold@aol.com.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

DECEMBER 2022

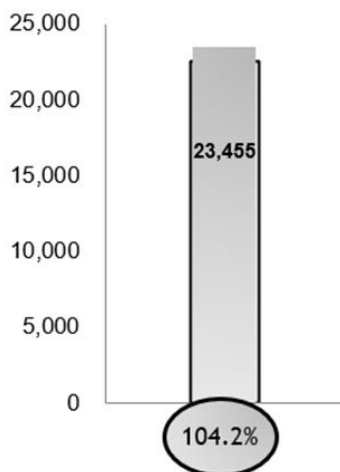
Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	23,455.40
Overall Percent	104.2%

Last Week	
Start:	12/25/22
End:	12/31/22
Total:	5,219.51



Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total



YTD OFFERINGS

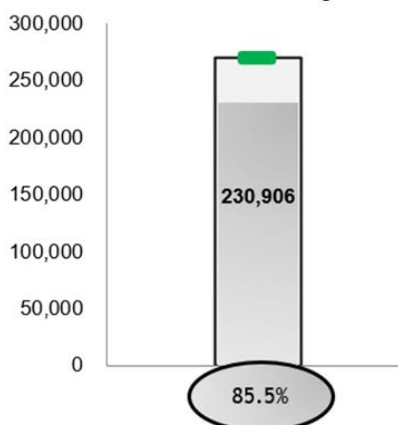
DECEMBER 2022

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	270,000.00
Overall Total	230,906.29
Overall Percent	85.5%



Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total
- On Track Target



GRIEF SUPPORT ~ HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, you are invited to attend a grief support group at Asbury UM Church, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown. The group meets the 4th Tuesday monthly at 1 pm in the upper-level Parlor and is led by Rev. Evelyn Stupp, Asbury's Pastor of Bereavement and Care Ministries. Please contact her at estupp@asburylv.org or 610-428-9095 for more details and to indicate your interest. The next support gathering is **Tuesday, January 31.**

UKRAINE RELIEF FUND - THE NEED CONTINUES

Help is urgently needed as harsh winter conditions have arrived in Ukraine. With no end in sight to the war and cruel attacks on civilians and healthcare workers continuing, the situation becomes increasingly dire. The long, hard, cold winter creates an alarming new challenge in keeping internally displaced people safe. Nearly a quarter of them don't have safe housing for the winter, including a lack of power, electricity and heat. This could be deadly as temperatures rapidly decline.

Your donations will help undergird an expanding spectrum of services, such as food, shelter, medical care, WASH (water, sanitation, hygiene), spiritual and psychological care, protection and more in Ukraine and in countries where Ukrainians were forced to relocate. For the month of January, contributions will be sent to UCC National to support programs to help with Ukraine's infrastructure and other needs of the Ukrainian people. Be sure to note that your contribution is for "Ukraine Relief Fund." Special offering envelopes, along with yellow and blue lapel pins showing your support can be found on the table in the lounge area. We are happy to report that for the month of November, \$100 was spent to Project HOPE to help with the people's medical needs.

Church Calendar for the Week of Jan 1 - Jan 8, 2023

Sun, 1/1	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation
	10:45 am	Worship Service
Mon 1/2		Office Closed
Tues, 1/3	9:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Stewardship and Finance
	7:00 pm	Worship and Music
Wed, 1/4		ANNUAL REPORTS DUE
	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	6:30 pm	STARs
Thurs 1/5	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
Sat, 1/7	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun, 1/8	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Faith Formation/Confirmation
	10:45 am	Worship Service
		Newsletter deadline

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