



Advent I



**STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

November 27, 2022 ✦ 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to the Storrs Congregational Church, United Church of Christ!

As we say at nearly every worship service, “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey God welcomes you... and so do we.”

We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike.

We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We come from different religious backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we gather as the Body of Christ.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We gather around the waters of grace and the feast table of Christ. Some of the songs we sing are ones our grandparents might also have sung in their day. Yet, in our preaching and prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of everyday living. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

Mission statement of the Storrs Congregational Church:

We share in God’s love by growing in faith, courageously seeking justice, and generously caring for all people.

These May Help During the Service... If you would like a **large-print** copy of the bulletin and hymns, would like seat or back cushions, or are looking for a wheelchair or accessible seating, please ask an usher. **The restroom in this building** is at the front of the church behind the doors to the right of the chancel (in the northeast corner of the building).

Children, too, are welcome at all services. It is important for families to worship together. We are glad to have children—and all their wiggles, giggles, and squiggles—as part of our community and worship life! Families are welcome to visit our PRAYGROUND toward the front pews, on the right side of the meeting house. There are books and quiet activities available for little ones. Welcome!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: All are welcome, including children, to share in the feast at Christ’s table. Communion is shared the first Sunday of each month.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: We gladly offer the sign and seal of God’s grace in the waters of baptism, both to children and adults of any age. *For more information, contact the pastor.*

The language of worship is rich and diverse, and yet always inadequate to express the fullness of the divine. In our worship life, we strive to use inclusive language for humanity and expansive imagery for the divine, while respecting the poetry and imagery of texts handed down to us from the ages. Honoring our diversity, in those places where we speak or sing together, worshippers may use language with which they are comfortable or familiar.

Please stand as you are able “*.”

Please remember to **silence cell phones** and other devices, and be mindful of those who wish to use the prelude as a time of prayer, meditation, and preparation for worship.

Please know that our services are recorded on Zoom and live-streamed on YouTube.

GATHERING

We are an Open and Affirming, Just Peace church.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, God welcomes you and so do we.

Prelude — “Sleeper’s, Awake!” BWV 645 by J. S. Bach

Dr. Patricia Snyder

Welcome

Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn

Advent Light Calls Us to Worship (responsive)

Annetta & Joshua Miller

RESPONSE — “For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits”

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

One: As we begin to Draw Near to each other and to God this first Sunday of Advent, alongside Christians everywhere, we light the candle of hope.

(the first candle is lit)

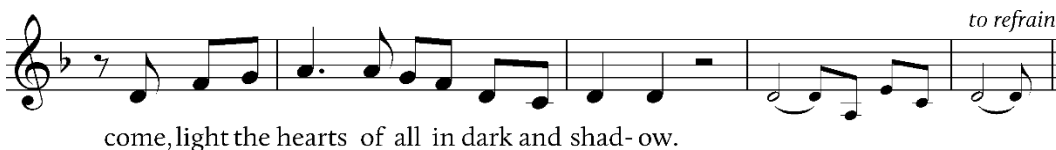
Listen to the voice of a prophet crying out:

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

Many: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

One: Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!"

Many: As we light the first Advent candle, let us fill our hearts with hope, for the Promised one is coming!



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. We who feel scattered are held together.
 We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. We who are lonely are brought into
 the fold and are told, "There's room for you here." From generation to generation, this
 is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and
 welcomed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn — "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

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Time for All God's Children

Lisa Haupt, Director of Faith Formation

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons — Matthew 24:36-44

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RESPONSE — "Wait for the Lord"

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

Sermon — “Unexpected”

Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn

***Hymn** — “Creator of the Stars of Night”

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RESPONSE

We begin our lives of responding to the gospel in prayer and offering

Responding with our Gifts

As the morning offering is collected, prayers of either joy or concern may be written on the purple prayer request cards found in the pew rack and placed in the offering plates as they are passed.

Call to Offering

Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn

OFFERTORY MUSIC — “Invitation to Love” by Marques L.A. Garrett

Choir Matrix

Sarah Kaufold, director

*Come when the nights are bright with stars
Or when the moon is mellow;
Come when the sun his golden bars
Drops on the hay-field yellow.
Come in the twilight soft and gray,
Come in the night or come in the day,
Come, O love, whene'er you may,
And you are welcome, welcome.

You are sweet, O Love, dear Love,
You are soft as the nesting dove.
Come to my heart and bring it rest
As the bird flies home to its welcome nest.

Come when my heart is full of grief
Or when my heart is merry;
Come with the falling of the leaf
Or with the redd'ning cherry.
Come when the year's first blossom blows,
Come when the summer gleams and glows,
Come with the winter's drifting snows,
And you are welcome, welcome.*

Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)

***PRESENTING OUR GIFTS:** from “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” WINCHESTER NEW

All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free;

whom with our Mak - er we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Holy One,

In this season of waiting and watching, we pray these offerings become seeds of peace in the world, turning swords to ploughshares and spears to pruning hooks. May we all learn to walk in the light and hope of your Spirit, together as One. In Jesus Christ, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn

Many: 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 glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world

News from our Life Together

***Hymn** — “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

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***Benediction**

Postlude — “Praise Be to God Almighty” BWV 602 by J. S. Bach

Dr. Patricia Snyder

CALL TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING December 4, 2022

Pursuant to the By Laws of the Storrs Congregational Church:

By vote of the Governing Board, the members of the Storrs Congregational Church are called to the Annual Budget Meeting to be held December 4, 2022. The meeting will be held following the Sunday morning worship service. The meeting will be in the same format as worship, in-person and/or online via Zoom Meetings. The business of said meeting shall be to:

1. discuss and approve the 2023 budget for the Storrs Congregational Church
2. discuss any items the congregation wishes to raise.

The presence and participation of all members is requested; **a minimum of thirty is required to transact business.** In the event that the scheduled meeting must be postponed due to weather or other emergency, it shall be held on the following Sunday.

Rationale – This is the annual budget meeting to discuss and approve the budget for 2023

Printed copies of the 2023 Budget will be available on Sunday, November 27th

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Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
4 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you, hear us when we call.
of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

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1 Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand,
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near; all the
high on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,



thou - sand saints at - tend - ing join to
saints this world re - ject - ed thrill the
take the power and glo - ry; claim the

sing the glad re - frain: Al - le -
 trum - pet sound to hear: Al - le -
 king - dom as thine own. Come, Lord

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 Je - sus. Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

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Music Notes:

Choir Matrix, led by Sarah Kaufold, is one of the ensembles in the Consonare Choral Community founded by Sarah. Today they bring us a beautiful setting of a poem by Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906), one of the first influential Black poets in American literature. Marques L. A. Garrett, composer, conductor, singer, and clinician has cultivated his research interest in non-idiomatic choral music of Black composers. He is the editor of a forthcoming centenary publication by Oxford University Press, *Choral Music of Black Composers*. He’s been commissioned to write works for Harvard University and Westminster Choir College among others. Dr. Garrett is currently Assistant Professor of Music in Choral Activities at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Glenn Korff School of Music.

Although you might not recognize it in its transformed state, the organ Postlude is based on the 9th century Sarum plainsong ‘Conditor alme siderum’ known to us as ‘Creator of the Stars of Night’. This setting is from J. S. Bach’s *Orgelbüchlein*, or ‘Little Organ Book’, an incomplete collection of pieces written for the liturgical year. 118 pieces were listed by title alone as he wasn’t able to complete the project. A major international composition project spearheaded by William Whitehead has just announced completion of the project by some of the most interesting composers at work today in Europe incorporating a wide range of modern styles. You can access detailed information and a video online at: <https://orgelbuechlein.co.uk/>

Life at SCC...Today...

8:45 am	Student Breakfast (<i>Auditorium</i>)
9:00 am	Adult Choir (<i>MH</i>)
9:30 am	Prayer Labyrinth (<i>Auditorium</i>)
10:00 am	Worship (<i>MH & Online</i>)
11:00 am	Fellowship (<i>Lounge</i>)
11:00 am	Food Pantry Open (<i>Room 102</i>)
11:00 am	Library open (<i>CE – Library</i>)
6:00 pm	Rehearsal: CDN (<i>MH</i>)
7:30 pm	Speaker Group (<i>Auditorium</i>)
<i>MH = Meeting House CE = Christian Education Bldg.</i>	
<i>PH = Parish House</i>	

Worship

Every Sunday, 10:00 am, in the Meeting House and on Zoom & YouTube. Expressive, participatory liturgy; thoughtful preaching; and a soul-stirring blend of new and traditional music are some of the elements you can expect to encounter each Sunday.

Assisting in today's service ...

Liturgist: Wade Johnson

Greeter: Patty Tanaka

Ushers: Lynn Brown, Carolyn Holmy

Welcome Table: Anne Usher

Tech Team: Andy McCabe, Erin Scholes,
Jan & Don Castle, Susan Irvine

Be Our Guest for Fellowship! Come on over to the Parish House and share a beverage, a bite to eat, and a chat! The Parish House is located in the buildings to the west of the Meeting House. Follow the others on over, or ask an usher to guide you... We look forward to seeing you! Masks are strongly encouraged for everyone.

Meet

Labyrinth Walk: *on Sunday, November 27th*
9:30 am-noon. Join us for a guided meditation “from Generation to Generation...there’s room for every story.” This Labyrinth Walk of Advent will take place in the auditorium. All ages are welcome!

Meet Up Mondays: *Mondays, 12:00 – 1:00 PM in the Library and on Zoom:* Join Pastor Diane for a weekly gathering of company and conversation. Bring a lunch or beverage if you'd like. I look forward to spending time together! ~ Pastor Diane
Join Zoom Meeting link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83131580608?pwd=ckdhRGxidnY3bVhPRGdKM2VSL2hhdz09>

Quiet Reflections of Advent will be held in Waggoner Chapel on Wednesday at 10:00am. Brief theological reflection through works of art, a form of Visio-divina, will be followed by a time of silence.

Wonderful Wednesdays of Advent:
Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm. On the first Wonderful Wednesday, on November 30, alternative Advent candles and traditional Advent wreath-making supplies will be available. Join us for a different Advent activity each week!

C.A.F.E. Storrs: *Wednesday at 10:30 AM in the Library or via Zoom.* Expand your weekly Bible study to include C.A.F.E. Storrs. Join the discussion and discover how “God is still speaking”. Everyone is welcome! The zoom link is available on the **SCC Worship Online** and **Faith Formation** page.
Contact: Lisa Haupt

UConn Students, Join Us for Tuesday Talks:

Who are we? UCC UConn...U- unconventional
C- curious C- compassionate UConn
community of friends!

What do we do? We talk! We laugh! We eat!
We celebrate (successes & birthdays)! We try
new things! We help out! We are there for
one another!

When? each Tuesday 8:00-9:30pm

Where? Room #106 in the Education Building
at Storrs Congregational Church.

Want more details? Contact Lisa Haupt.

Serve

Food Pantry Needs: The Food Pantry is in
need of the following items:

- Tuna
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Coffee
- Tea
- Canned Pasta Dinners

Donations of pet food are greatly appreciated
as some of our Pantry guests have pets which
provide vital support for mental health and
well-being. Thank you for considering these
furry family members when choosing
donations to provide to the pantry.

Please bring your donations to Worship on
Sunday and leave in the box in the Narthex or
drop by the Waggoner Chapel or Parish
House anytime during the week.

Did You Know?: SCC has donation boxes at
Big Y Mansfield & Price Chopper so that the
whole community can participate? Our Food
Pantry Team collects donations for
immediate use. Tell your neighbors and
friends about this easy way to help ensure
food security for all in the Mansfield area!.

Book Discussion Group: next meeting **December 4, 2022 in-person in the SCC Library**

and via Zoom meetings at 4:00 PM. Join us for
discussion of the book *Hope on the Inside*.
Author, Marie Bostwick tells the story of
Hope Carpenter who seeks inspiration and a
financial boost when her savings and
marriage are strained. Hope gets a job
teaching crafts at a local women's prison. She
and the women eventually bond over a
quilting project as they learn piece by piece
that life is both surprising and beautiful.

Other news & notes...

Keeping In Touch – Special Request:

The families of both Rev. Michael Ader and
Aline Booth have expressed their gratitude
for the cards and letters being sent from the
Storrs Congregational Church community
and can only say – **Thank You and Don't
Stop!**

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Church Directory Project Update:

If you haven't had an opportunity to review
your data or submit an updated photo there
is still time! Please see Patty Tanaka during
Fellowship hour on Sunday to review the
data in the directory. Send your pictures to
Deborah in the office via email at
sccoffice@storrsconchurch.org.

We will be planning another "photo-op"
session following worship on a Sunday in
December – just not sure which one yet.
Watch for updates! Thank you for your
assistance with this project! ~ *Patty Tanaka*

Pray...

Dear God, Thank you for hearing our prayers this week; these, and the needs that remain unspoken, but in our hearts.

Let us pray for...

- Kathy H, who had a fall
- for Tom, Mary's brother, who is seriously ill in the hospital in El Paso

Please console those who are suffering with illness, injury, or loss, and embrace them in your loving arms so that they might feel your presence and comfort.

And, as we begin our Advent journey, help us to listen for your call in our own lives. Please continue to help us be people of peace, in your own example, to demonstrate it in an uneasy world, and to live it among the people you have put into our lives every day. Amen.

Prayer by Ellen Bradley

This Week...

Monday

- 10:00 am Service Sewing (*Room 207*)
- 11:00 am Food Pantry Open (*Room 102*)
- 12:00 pm Meet-Up Monday (*Library*)
- 2:30 pm Table Tennis Club (*Auditorium*)
- 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open (*Room 102*)
- 5:00 pm LEGO Challenge (*Room 201*)
- 7:00 pm Ballroom Dance (*Auditorium*)

Tuesday

- 9:30 am Library Open (*Ed. Bldg.*)
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (*Lounge*)
- 3:00 pm Food Pantry Open (*Room 102*)
- 4:00 pm University Dance Co. (*Aud.*)
- 7:00 pm Special Budget Mtg (*Room 201*)
- 7:30 pm Swing & Blues (*Auditorium*)
- 8:00 pm Tuesday Talks (*Room 106*)

Wednesday

- 10:00 am Parish Piecers (*2nd Floor Ed. Bldg*)
- 10:00 am Quiet Meditation (*Chapel*)
- 10:30 am C.A.F.E. Storrs (*Library & Zoom*)
- 5:00 pm LEGO Challenge (*Room 201*)
- 5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesdays of Advent (*Lounge*)
- 6:30 pm University Ballet Company (*Aud.*)

Thursday

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Library & Zoom*)
- 11:30 am Mobile FoodShare (*Sr. Center*)
- 1:00 pm 1st Thursday Book Club (*Library*)
- 2:30 pm Food Pantry Open (*Room 102*)
- 4:00 pm UConn Dance Co. (*Auditorium*)
- 4:30 pm A2A Work Group (*Library/Zoom*)
- 5:00 pm LEGO Challenge (*Room 201 & 207*)
- 6:30 pm UConn Dance Co. (*Auditorium*)
- 6:30 pm Handbells (*MH*)
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir (*MH*)

Friday

- 4:00 pm Table Tennis Club (*Auditorium*)
- 5:00 pm LEGO Challenge (*Room 201 & 207*)
- 7:00 pm A Cappella Concert: CDN (*MH*)

Saturday

- 7:00 pm A Cappella Concert: Rubyfruit (*MH*)

Sunday

- 8:45 am Student Breakfast (*Auditorium*)
- 9:00 am Adult Choir (*MH*)
- 10:00 am **Worship (*MH & Online*)**
followed by Annual Budget Mtg
- 11:00 am Fellowship (*Lounge*)
- 11:00 am Food Pantry Open (*Room 102*)
- 11:00 am Library open (*CE – Library*)
- 11:30 am Pop-Up Sales: SERRV, Parish Piecers & Poinsettias (*Auditorium*)
- 6:00 pm Rehearsal: CDN (*MH*)
- 7:30 pm Speaker Group (*Auditorium*)



Christmas Gift Program

This year's Christmas gift program will be for the children of families in need by using a Toys for Tots donation box. So if you can add a new and unwrapped toy to your shopping list, drop it off at church to either the meeting house or the lounge between December 1st and December 18th. No

need to sign up for a specific child. The recommended spending amount is \$20 per toy and parents will be able to pick one out for each child from the Toys for Tots area inside WAIM. Popular toys include baby dolls, big trucks, fashion dolls, Legos, nail and hair accessories, and jewelry making kits. If you prefer to have our team shop with your funds, you may mark a check with "Christmas Toys" and deliver it to church by Sunday, December 11th. The need is greater than ever and parents are so thankful to hear about the program when there isn't any money for Christmas gifts. For questions, speak to Janis Hoyle, Carolyn Holmy or Linda Blum lblum0598@charter.net. And thanks for helping.

University of Connecticut Land Acknowledgement Statement:

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the territory of the Mohegan, Mashantucket Pequot, Eastern Pequot, Schaghticoke, Golden Hill Paugussett, Nipmuc, and Lenape Peoples, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We thank them for their strength and resilience in protecting this land, and aspire to uphold our responsibilities according to their example. For more information: <https://nacp.uconn.edu/land-acknowledgement/>

We envision our community as a **welcoming, historic, and progressive Christian community**. We are an Open and Affirming congregation: Believing that each of us is unique and blessed with special talents from God, each a creation of God's love, alike and yet different, we open our doors and our ministry to *all*. We accept into full participation in the life of this Church: people of any age, economic status, gender, marital status, race, sexual orientation, and physical, emotional and mental capability. As a community, we will work to put aside all prejudices and to affirm and promote the worth and dignity of each person.

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