

Kent United Church of Christ

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, W.I.S.E.,
and CREATION JUSTICE CONGREGATION

DEDICATION SUNDAY
November 8, 2026

BELLS

PRELUDE *The Gift To Be Simple* Dale Wood (1934-2003)

GREETING Rev. Amy Gopp, senior minister

*OPENING HYMN #55 *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart* MARION

*CALL TO WORSHIP TJ Prochaska, liturgist

We gather in the in-between places of our lives—in seasons of waiting, in moments of uncertainty, and in the midst of unfolding possibility.

We come watching and waiting, trusting that God is at work even when the way ahead is not yet clear.

Let us watch for the signs of God's presence, the stirrings of new life, and the places where the Spirit is breaking through.

We come ready to worship, ready to give, and ready to participate in Christ's mission.

Come, let us worship the God who meets us in the watching and waiting and calls us toward a future with hope!

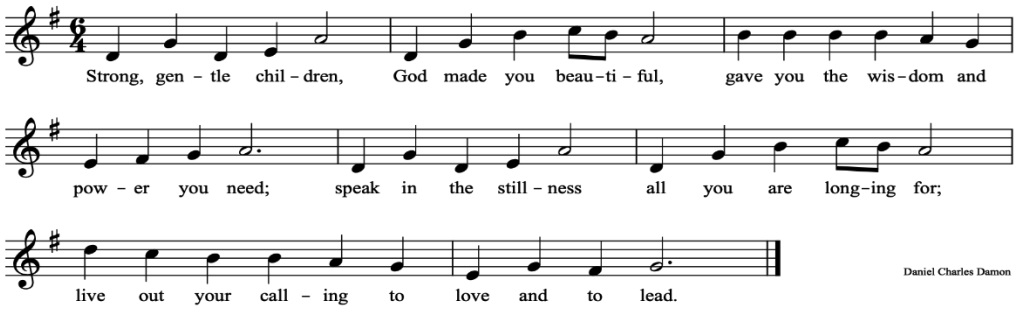
*INVOCATION

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Please pass the peace of Christ with one another.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Amy

"Strong and Gentle Children" is sung to bless the children.



A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW Matthew 25:1-13
Here ends the reading from God's word.
Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.

SERMON *If You Want to See* Pastor Amy

ANTHEM *Down in the Valley to Pray* arr. Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

OFFERING OUR COMMITMENTS TO GOD

Invitation

Litany of Dedication for Our Generosity Pledges
Almighty God, we give You thanks this day as we gather the pledges of support for Your Church in the coming year. We bring them before You with eager anticipation and hope.
Hear us, O God, as we give You our thanks and praise.
For those whose lives have been touched by Your Spirit, who have increased their commitment,
We give You thanks and praise.
For those who are responding to Your creative grace by pledging for the first time,
We give You thanks and praise.
For those who are tithing, and even exceeding a tithe,
We give You thanks and praise.
For those whose lives are in transition or turmoil and who feel they cannot pledge, but who continue to be a vital part of our community,
We give You thanks and praise and we pray for calm in their lives.
That each one of us, and Your whole Church, become more faithful to the call of service in Jesus Christ,

We ask Your continuing guidance and care.
That these pledges may emerge as real gifts, thereby enabling the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ to move forward through this congregation and the Church Universal,
In the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to this action.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

**The Offering of Our Generosity Pledges*
You are invited to come forward to offer your pledges.

**Prayer of Blessing and Thanksgiving*

MOMENT FOR MINISTRIES Leadership Development Ministry Barb Hanniford

HYMN OF COMMITMENT (Insert) *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY TJ Prochaska

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Pastor Amy

*CLOSING HYMN #558 *O How Glorious, Full of Wonder* IN BABILONE

*BENEDICTION Pastor Amy

*POSTLUDE *Praeludium in G-Moll* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Our service has ended. Now our service begins.
You are the Body of Christ, and the whole world awaits you.

The chancel flowers are an offering from the Generosity Ministry dedicated to a future with hope!

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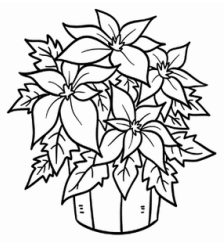

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 8

Please fill in the form below as you would like for it to appear in the church bulletin.

Christmas flowers in the sanctuary are given by...

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Name (please print)

_____

Phone / Email (best way to contact you)

❑ In honor of... _____

❑ In memory of... _____



❑ Red flower Qty = _____ $12.00/plant Total = $_____



❑ White flower Qty = _____ $12.00/plant Total = $_____



❑ Ice Punch flower Qty = _____ $12.00/plant Total = $_____

❑ Paid Cash
❑ Paid by Check #_____

Please make checks payable to Kent UCC.

All orders must be paid in full and accompanied by the above form.

Our annual Bob Clark Turkey Fund collection has begun.



Years ago, Bob Clark, a member of Kent UCC, wanted to ensure food-insecure families had a lovely Thanksgiving dinner. With the help of the UCC and Kent Social services, monetary donations were collected and given to KSS to purchase dinners for area families. In the past numerous families have enjoyed Thanksgiving meals due to the generosity of our church.

You can donate this year by writing a check with Bob Clark Turkey Fund in the memo line and either mailing it or placing it in the offering plate. You can also use Engage by clicking the Bob Clark Turkey Fund. The Outreach Ministry thanks you for your generosity. Deadline is November 15.

