

December 26, 2021



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A Christmas Story with Hamilton

Luke 2:41-52

Gathered at Federated Church: 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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First Sunday of Christmas

10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Prelude *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* (J. Brahms) Marcia Snavelly, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Introit *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (Arr. M. Hayes) Adam Holthaus, tenor;
Marcia Snavelly, piano

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Martine Scheuermann

One: The deeper the darkness, the brighter the light shines.

All: For love refuses to be extinguished by despair.

One: Resilience and hope cannot be quenched.

All: For they are fueled by courage and compassion.

One: Look for the light and there you will find love.

All: Welcome light! Welcome love! Welcome Christmas!

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**

* **Hymn** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* No. 150

Opening Prayer (*unison*) Martine Scheuermann

**Loving God,
help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the Magi,
every day of the year.**

**Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.
For Christ has come.
May we be ever merry in our hearts. Amen.**

* Those who are able stand

Christmas Poem *Alfie, the Christmas Tree* (John Denver) Nancy Isham

Generosity Impact Moment Rev. Throckmorton

Invitation to Generosity Rev. Throckmorton

Anthem *I Wonder as I Wander* (J. Niles) Adam Holthaus, tenor;
Marcia Snavelly, piano

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer Rev.
Throckmorton

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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.

Scripture Luke 2:41-52 Rev. Throckmorton

* **Hymn** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* No. 160

A Christmas Story *Star of Night*, by Katharine Paterson Rev. Throckmorton

* **Hymn** *Joy to the World* No. 143

* **Benediction** Rev. Throckmorton

Postlude *Gigue on "In Dulci Jubilo"* (D. Lasky) Marcia Snavelly, organ

~Departing to Service~



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all **Telecoil-equipped hearing aids** to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

Adam Holthaus is currently pursuing his Bachelors of Music in Vocal Performance and Opera at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. He graduated from University School in 2020, and got his start in music right here in Chagrin, even singing in the Federated Church Children's Choir when he was younger.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, January 2 at 10:00 AM

Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner preaches
Communion celebrated
Special Music by Vocal Quartet