

# **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ**

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**December 1st, 2019 - 10:30a**

*"Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship." - Mission Statement*



*"Do not fret, for God did not create us to abandon us."*

*-Michelangelo, Italian artist, 1475-1564*

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor  
Mae Pound, Moderator  
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor  
Congregation, Ministers All  
**Pianist:** Cathy Bero  
**Harpist:** Christine Ramsey  
**Acolytes:** Stella & Quinn Preston  
**Liturgist** - Amy Gartner  
**Greeter / Ushers-** Dick, Gayle & Caroline Gibson





**December 1st, 2019 Advent - Hope  
Carol Sing Sunday**

*\* = stand if you are able*

**Proclamation of Praise**

**Prelude**

**Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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**Call to worship**

Leader: Advent season reminds us that we live by hope.

**People: Hope in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah,**

Leader: the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation;

**People: the expected one who will establish justice for all who are in need;**

Leader: the liberator who will free us from our estrangement.

**People: For the Messiah will bring a new day for all God's people. We await the day of salvation, of justice and of liberation. We await the new day where all people will proclaim God's goodness and will know the fulfillment of God's will for all creation.**

**Prayer of Invocation / Advent Wreath Lighting**

**Children's Message**

**Holy Communion**

**Special Music**

**Harpist, Christine Ramsey**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, how many prophets of your light, have we ignored because they were not what we were looking for? How many times have we ignored voices crying in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord?" How many times have we turned our backs on your messengers, because they did not speak the message we expected to hear? Help us hear anew the cry of those who would lead us to Christ. Tune our ears to your messengers, that we might also testify to your light. Amen.**

*Passing the peace of Christ and the comfort of the Holy Spirit*

*Invitation to the Table / Prayer of Consecration / Words of Remembrance / Distribution*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**God of Grace, you fill the hungry with good things and send the self-satisfied away empty. In this meal you have filled us with the word and the bread of life of your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us hunger now for his coming in the hearts and the homes of all. Fill us with his spirit of service and self-forgetting love, that through us, he may draw nearer to all people. In his name we pray, Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSV)

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

<sup>2</sup>In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. <sup>5</sup>Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

### \* Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen**

## Three Carols

### Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

*Candle Dedication: In celebration of Laura Laughlin, Quinn Preston, Ginger Williams-Carr, Kathy Preston and Bill Goodman's Birthdays.*  
*Birthdays.*

*Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Westerville Community UCC, Westerville*

### Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Special Music

Harpist, Christine Ramsey

### \* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

### \* Offertory Prayer

## Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." <sup>34</sup>"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup>For no word from God will ever fail." <sup>38</sup>"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

## Three Carols

\* **Benediction / Benediction Response**

*Nativity Prayer*

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**O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today. Amen**

## Postlude

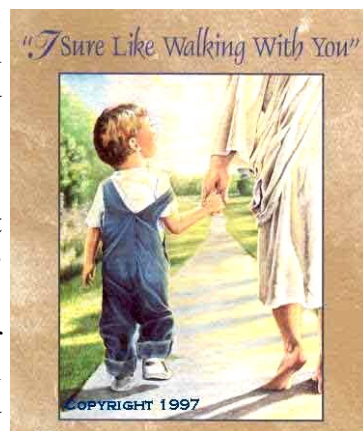
## ***If you have children... Sunday School is Offered during our 10:30a Service***

-**Newborn – 2 yrs old**, A Cry Room is available for your use during the worship service. It is located above the Sanctuary. You can use the stairs located through the door directly to the left as you exit the main doors of the Sanctuary. You can hear and see the service from this room.

- **3 yrs old - K**; your child is invited to Sunday School with our BUGs (Born Under God's Sun), which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and find the doorway which leads to the steps leading into the LLLC.

- **1st Grade – 3rd Grade**...your child is invited to Sunday School with our TIGERs (Trusting In God for Every Reason), which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and find the doorway which leads to the steps leading into the LLLC.

- **4th Grade – 7th Grade**...your child is invited to Sunday School which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and find the doorway which leads to the steps leading into the LLLC



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### ***If you are visiting...***

Welcome! We pray that you'll find our worship service meaningful and uplifting, and our congregation welcoming and friendly. We know that coming to a new church can be a little uncomfortable. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know! During the worship service, please be sure to provide contact information on our pew pads so Pastor Scott can reach out and thank you for attending.

### ***If you have been attending ....***

and would like to be more involved in the worship service or other events, we have a number of support roles you could participate in.

When you hear Rev. Scott talk about signing up in the **Binder** or see "**sign up in the binder**" written anywhere, it is the **blue notebook** that is being passed around the sanctuary during the service. This notebook has all the available Positions, Mission Outreach Projects and Events that are currently open for volunteers or are happening at our church.

**The Acolytes** are children 8 years old - about 12 years old. They carry the Light of Christ up to the alter at the beginning of our 10:30a service. If you are interested in having your child be an Acolyte, please let Rev. Scott know. It takes about 10 minutes to go through the process and we have your child with another experienced child for the first time.

**Lay Readers** - Are the people who read scripture, offer up the Call to Worship and the Prayer of Invocation. All the materials are up on the pulpit, or could be sent to you ahead of time if you would like to preview before hand. Please let Rev. Scott know your preference. No experience is necessary to participate in this support roll. (8:30a Service Lay Readers take up the offering and assist with Communion if necessary).

**Greeters** - Greet people as they arrive during our 10:30a service. The request is that you arrive about 20 minutes before the service. You hand out the bulletins and share a smile and some welcoming words and if the person is a visitor, you might make them aware of where the restrooms are located as well as the cry room, nursery and other children's activities depending on our current worship schedule.

**Ushers** - (The people who take up the offering) 10:30a service. Most times the Ushers and Greeters are the same people. When attendance is light and it is not a Communion Sunday 1 person can do both. On a Communion Sunday it is a 2-person position. If you are interested in ushering, please let Rev. Scott know and we will take a few minutes to go over this simple task so that you are comfortable in what you are doing.

You can sign up to greet and not usher if that is your comfort level or sign up to usher separately from greeting.

**Special Music** - We are open to any music that lifts God in Praise. If you would like to share...Just Share! Please see Cathy Bero or Debbie Smetts to talk about an idea or schedule a date to share your gift of music.

**Thank you for your interest in being a part of our Worship Service**



## Announcements and Information

**Utica Food Pantry Needs Volunteers** - Thursdays 2:30-5:30p. If you would like to help, even occasionally, please contact Pat Burress directly at 740-507-9862 to get on the schedule .

**Monday Noon Bible Studies** - This year we are using *Living Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton as a guide for our study. This is Hamilton's latest book. We will look at a devotion each week and the scripture he addresses. This book is available on Amazon and in electronic formats. Please bring the book and your Bible.

**Women's Christmas Gathering** - Monday, December 9th at 6:30p. At the church. Sign up in the binder if you plan to attend. WISH is hosting and providing the meal from City Bar B Que. In honor of Carolyn Claggett's love of cookies, we will have a cookie exchange. Please bring 1 dozen cookies to swap.

**WISH II Quilt Christmas Gathering** - Wednesday, December 11th

**Serving at Salvation Army** - TODAY, December 1st we will return to the Salvation Army to serve the dinner meal. If you are interested in helping see the binder for details.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** – Saturday, December 7th at 8:00a.m. At Grace Pointe across from Branstool's Orchard on Rte 62.

### Advent Christmas Movie - It's a Wonderful Life

Join us for this 3 part screening of this Christmas Classic

Discussion will follow each session (This is instead of Bible Study for Advent)

Sessions

Sundays, December 1st, 8th and 15th 5-6:15 or  
Mondays, December 2nd, 9th and 16th Noon-1:15

**Sunday Morning Christmas Music Practices -**  
**Chimes 9:30a Choir 9:50a**

**Restorative Yoga Class** - Friday, December 6th 6-8:30p. Cost is \$10. This is for all adults. Childcare will not be available. BYOP (Bring Your Own Props, such as comfy blankets, bed pillows and feel free to wear your PJ's). See the binder if you plan to attend. **NOTE, This is to replace original scheduled date of November 22nd.**

### Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List

#### Prayer Concerns within our Family of Faith:

Betty Nash Gayle Gibson Bob Tucker Dave Nash Larry Smetts Ned Campbell  
Tom Siegel Becky Wright Marcie Williams Ed Hoskinson Jane Lake Donna Shipley  
Marcia Hoskinson Laurie Garno Marsha Barna Mary Jo Layman Owen Storts

#### Prayers for our Shut-in:

Goldie Campbell

**Prayers for Our UCC Congregations:** Westerville Community UCC, Westerville





#### Prayers for Our Greater Church Family: (This list to start over every month)

John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda
Mark Frick	Sherry Gibson
Marsha King	Jesse Buchanan
Judy Schmoll	Norma Londot
Pat Toops	
Pam Bevier	

Continued prayers for all the troops that protect and serve this country and prayers of comfort for their families as they wait for their safe return. Chase Lasko, Tanner MacLachlan, Jared Grace



# This Week at Highwater, December 2nd - December 8th

Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7	Sunday 8
<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>12-1:15p It's a Wonderful Life, Movie &amp; Discussion</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Laura Laughlin</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Quinn Preston</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church office</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Ginger Williams-Carr</p>	<p>6-8:30p Restorative Yoga</p>	<p>8a Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Grace Pointe</p>	<p>8:30a Worship Service</p> <p>9:30a Chime Practice</p> <p>9:50a Choir Practice</p> <p>10:30a Worship Service</p> <p>10:30a Sunday School</p> <p>5-6:15p It's a Wonderful Life Movie &amp; Discussion</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Kathy Preston Bill Goodman</p>



Angel Tree Tag Gifts need returned by next Sunday,  
December 8th.  
Thank you

**Pastor Scott's Door is open on Wednesdays from 5-7p**  
To talk, to counsel, to pray

**Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 - 1314**

**Scripture for Sunday, December 1st  
Second Sunday of Advent, PEACE  
Isaiah 7:10-16 Luke 1:39-45**