

# *Faith United Church of Christ*

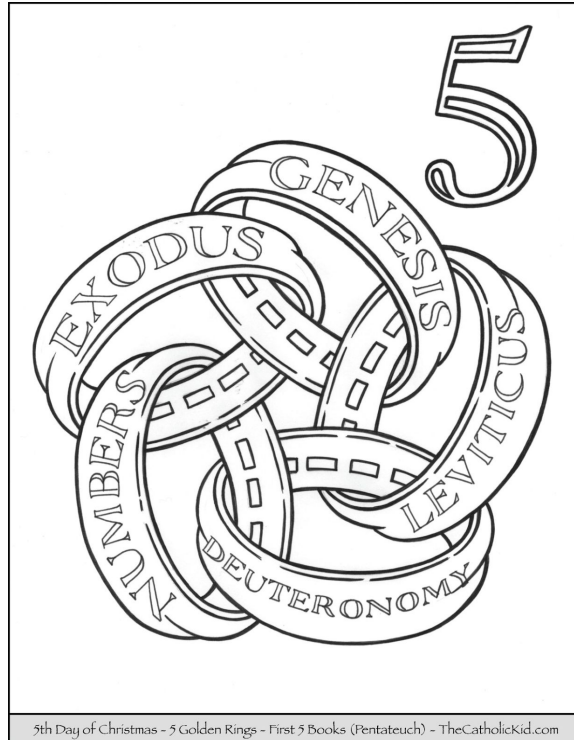
An Open and Affirming Congregation

No Matter who you are, or where you are in life's journey,  
You are welcome here!

December 29, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

1st Sunday After Christmas



5th Day of Christmas

\*stand as you are able

**Prelude**            Angels We Have Heard on High

Arranged by Wilda Auld

**Pastoral Welcome**

For Unto Us a Child is Born! - Isaiah 9:6

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

**People: And hope to every discouraged heart.**

L: Glory to God in the highest!

**P: And peace to every conflicted soul.**

Glory to God in the highest!

**And joy to every downcast spirit.**

Glory to God in the highest!

**And love to everyone.**

Let us sing praises to our God.

**Let us offer this light to a world in need of warmth.**

**\*Opening Carol**

Joy to the World

**#130**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

On this the fifth day of Christmas,

as another year draws to a close,

**we come together before God and with one another,  
confessing the ways in which we have been caught up  
in the frenzied spirit of the holidays**

**and turned away from Your Spirit of Peace;**

the times we have focused so much on our own lives and desires,

that we have neglected the voices of your children

who cry out for justice and mercy;

**in our focus on making the season perfect,**

**we have turned away from the hurting people**

**and broken places in our world in need of healing;**

at times we have dismissed Christmas as a time only for children,

and we have stubbornly closed our hearts to your amazing gift of Love.

**O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Word Became Flesh,  
our Savior and Ruler, hear us as we humbly pray,  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. Amen.**

*Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection*

**\*Promise of New Life**

Hear the good news of Christmas.

Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love.

For unto us a Child is born;

unto us a Savior is given.

His name shall be called Wonderful,

Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

**\*Sharing Christ's Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

(As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another greet and welcome those around you and share "the peace of Christ." If you feel more comfortable you are welcome to place your hands on your heart as you greet those around you. This may be a good option for you if you have social anxiety or are more introverted, this is a symbol of goodwill that you may be more comfortable with. Sharing God's peace can be done in many ways!)

**A Time for All God's Children**

Following the Children's message, the nursery is available for infants and toddlers under 4 years old. The nursery is located through the door at the right front of the sanctuary, and up the stairs. Church school is available for children and youth (4+ years) in Asendorf Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> floor). Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service.

**Scripture**

Isaiah 63:7-9

John 1:1-18

**Carol**                      Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**#144**

**Sermon**                    The Light of God is Here

**\*Sermon Carol**            In the Bleak Midwinter

**#128**

**Prayers of the People**

We invite people to share their joys and/or concerns out loud so we can be praying for each other. We believe that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer.

After each expression, please end your prayer by saying *This is my prayer* and the people may respond: *God, hear our prayer.*

In the unity of our faith we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us to pray....

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Ever loving God, 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**



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We would like to get to know you and for you to get to know us.

Join us after worship for coffee and **conversation**.

There is free parking on Sundays at the meters and at the McAllister & Pugh Street parking garages – so, we hope you'll worship with us again next Sunday!

**Electronic Giving Options:** During the offering time in the service, you may place your offerings on the plates the ushers will bring around. If you prefer to give electronically simply **scan the QR code** with your smartphone to be directed to our online donation page.



### December Special Offerings

Please note there are **2** special offerings this month.

The **UCC Christmas Fund** (formerly Veteran's of the Cross) is our traditional December offering.

**Penguin Packs** is the additional offering, to help cover expenses through the rest of the year because we're serving so many more children than last year.

Please note your offering (amount/organization) in the memo line or on the envelope.

**Calendar items are listed in the Announcements.**

**If you'd like earphones for hearing assistance, please speak with an usher.**

Faith UCC is an open and affirming church, embracing diversity in our congregation and community, and affirming the dignity and worth of every person. We are an inclusive community of faith that celebrates God's presence through worship and the sharing of God's word. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of the church, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, or circumstance of life.

#### Our Ministry

Ministers — All the Congregation  
Trustee — Neil Christy

Pastor — Jes Kast  
Usher — Neil Christy

#### Church Staff

Custodian — Scott Luzier  
Organist—Mark Ferraguto

Church School Coordinator — Barbara Chellman  
Choir Director — Marinda Jenkins  
Administrative Assistant — Jeff Stormer

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The family of Daniel Pfaff, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Darlene Ripka, the Piggot family.

Please help us keep this list up to date. Notify the office of additions or removals.

### **Get In Touch with Us!**

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Pastor Jes' office hours: 9-5 M-Th. Pastor also values community engagement.

Please contact the office ahead of visits.

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Prayer of Confession by Rev. Nancy J, on her blog, wonderings through life and other such nonsense.