



# Community of Faith UMC

December 3 | 10:30 AM

Welcome! We are glad we could worship with you today.  
May you experience God's blessing upon you.

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

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## Worship Guide

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PRELUDE	<i>Find Me in the River</i> , Smith	Kelly Nam
WORDS OF WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE		Rev. Abi Foerster
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Hannah Godfrey
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	UMH #196
ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING	<i>The Candle of Hope</i>	The Mihalak Family
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS		Rev. Abi Foerster
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Allison Ngyuen
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 1:5 – 23 (NRSV, p. 52-53)	Elizabeth Ngyuen
CHILDREN'S TIME		Hannah Godfrey
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	<i>Weary World Rejoice</i> Words by Anna Strickland, Tune "Silent Night"	Screens
WITNESS TO THE WORD	We Acknowledge Our Weariness	Rev. Abi Foerster
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Prayer by Sarah (Are) Speed	Screens
OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Rev. Abi Foerster
OFFERTORY	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i> , Dorsey	Sanctuary Choir
<p><i>During the Offertory, please come forward and place your tithes and offerings in the brass plate on the altar. Or, you may give electronically through our website, <a href="https://cofumc.org/mycof-donate/">https://cofumc.org/mycof-donate/</a>. On first Sundays, we also offer the opportunity to give a second mile gift to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which is used to alleviate suffering in our community during times of crisis. Thank you for your generosity.</i></p>		
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	UMH #204
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ADVENT		UMH p. 13 - 15
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH #895
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Be Still My Soul</i>	UMH #534
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Abi Foerster
*SUNG BLESSING & DISMISSAL	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	UMH #665
*POSTLUDE	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	Kelly Nam

## Ways to Connect, Grow & Serve



Please sign up to bring one dozen cookies (by 11:45 am that day) for our annual Candles, Carols, and Cookies service. We also are seeking donations of milk to go with the cookies. Help is needed with set up (at 11:45 am) and with clean up (8:30 pm). Questions? Contact Carol Larsen [c@3larsens.net](mailto:c@3larsens.net).



Epiphany is hosting the Hypothermia shelter the week of Dec. 10 – 17 and we're hosting dinner on Dec. 14. Sign up to provide a part of the meal or to visit with guests during dinner. Thanks!



Join the choir as we head out to carol at the Franklin Farm Shops and bless our neighbors for about an hour. Meet at the church at 4 pm and dress warmly! Those who are interested and able are invited to meet up for dinner following the caroling. Sign up using the QR code or on the Clipboard so we have enough caroling booklets. Thanks!



### Food Pantry Gift Card Donations

Donate \$20.00 gift cards to big box stores (Wal Mart, Target) OR Make a cash donation



Nov. 26-Dec. 17

**Alternative Christmas Market:** The Mission Team is hosting an alternative giving market again this holiday season from Sunday, Dec. 3 – Sunday morning, Dec. 24! This is an opportunity where you can support nonprofit, cause-based relief and assistance projects that align with our missional priorities. Christmas Cards featuring the artwork of Eva Barcia may be purchased in one of three areas:

1. Food Insecurity
2. LGBTQ+ Community
3. Disaster Relief



An alternative to traditional giving, alternative gifts make wonderful gifts for friends, family, and loved ones. Alternative gifts are signs of our gratitude for God's grace that moves us to join with ministries of love and justice, reconciliation, and peace—ministries that feed the hungry, comfort the broken-hearted, and share our faith with young and old. Thanks for supporting this effort.



**Our Next Monthly Community Dinner & Contemplative Service** is being hosted by Epiphany EC on Sunday, December 17, 6:00 PM Dinner, 6:45 PM Service. RSVP to [office@cofumc.org](mailto:office@cofumc.org) by Dec. 14.

## Prayers

### ***For our members***

- Marcia Johnston, for health
- Gail Harman for Health
- Violet Durfee for health
- Joe East recovering from cracked ribs
- All those seeking employment

### ***For our parents and families***

- Madelene and Sean blessing on good test results on baby Elijah
- Jocelyn's Aunt Aida for health and June recovery from sprained ankle
- Parents of Lara Fries (Shelby), Jeff Mowery (Fred), Chris Gohrband (Virginia), Mary Ann East (Jackie), Kim Fuller (Joanne), Terri Orvis, Di Hannum (Danny & Dottie) Don & Debbie Fultz (Dorothy)

### ***For our friends & neighbors***

- Tom and Alice, friend of Gail Van Buren
- David Paranzino. recovery double organ surgery and comfort for Tracy
- Kerry Cathcart, PT hip replacement, friend of Natalie Gohrband

### ***For our state, nation, and world***

- Gratitude for the release of hostages
- Grateful and Thankful to all volunteers for our Food Ministry

- Recognition to all our Veterans
- Community of Lewiston, Maine
- US Military who are being deployed
- Peace between Israel and Palestine
- Earthquake of Afghanistan and Mexico
- Christians of Pakistan
- For those suffering from wildfires in Lahaina on Maui Island in Hawaii.
- In solidarity with the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, this week we pray for the people, resources and leadership **Myanmar, Thailand** ([The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle | World Council of Churches \(oikoumene.org\)](https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/publications/the-ecumenical-prayer-cycle)).
- People of Ukraine and the opposition in Russia to the invasion

### **For Expression of Sympathy are extended for:**

- The Timanus and Stevens families upon the death of Bob
- For Pastor Abi, Lacy and Levi upon the death of Pastor Abi's mom this past week.

## What's Happening this Week & Upcoming Dates

SUNDAY (December 3) UMM, 7 AM

SUNDAY (December 3) Advent Cafe 9:30-10:30/11:30-12:30PM

MONDAY & TUESDAY AM (December 4/5) – Food Prep @11AM

TUESDAY (December 5) Food Distribution 4-6PM

TUESDAY (December 5) Vespers with Pastor Abi

WEDNESDAY (December 6) Boy Scouts 7PM

THURSDAY (December 7) Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM

FRIDAY (December 8) Women's Bible Study online 9AM

SUNDAY (December 10) Children's Christmas Play during 10:30 Service

SUNDAY (December 10) Candles, Carols, Cookies 7PM

THURSDAY (December 14) COF Provides Meal for Hypothermia at EEC

SUNDAY (December 17) Contemplative Service 6:45/6PM Dinner at EEC

WEDNESDAY (December 20) COF Caroling at 4PM

SUNDAY (December 24) Morning Worship Service, 10 AM

SUNDAY (December 24) Children & Family Service, 4 PM

SUNDAY (December 24) Candlelight & Communion Service, 7:30 PM

SUNDAY (December 31) No In-Person Service, Online Service at 10:00 AM

## Welcome

*Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.  
(Matthew 10:40)*

At Community of Faith, we believe each individual is of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the beautiful diversity of all races, nationalities, and ethnicities. We welcome and affirm you whether you are rich or poor; love the Church, have never been to Church, or have been wounded by spiritual communities; gay, straight, or whatever your gender identity, expression, and sexual orientation may be; married or single; a person with children or without children; able-bodied, differently-abled, or challenged with mental or emotional health issues; certain of many things or full of questions. We vow to be a safe community truly open to everyone to grow in faith - God's love has no bounds.



### ***Ministers - The Entire Congregation***

#### *Leadership Board 2023*

Lynne Mowery, chair | Gwen Zanin | Terri Orvis | Jocelyn Gabriel | Greg Carter  
Larry Gittings | Raj Bartakke | Gina Lindquist | Abi Foerster

*Lay Leader* – Jocelyn Gabriel

*Music Director:* Dr. Mary Ann East | *Music Accompanist:* Dr. Kelly Nam

*Children's Coordinator* – Kelli Timanus | *Nursery Care* – Ali Greenberg

*Youth Director & Food Ministry Administrator:* Hannah Godfrey | *Office Manager* – Di Hannum Beatty

*Resident Deacon* – Joanna Dietz ([revjodietz@gmail.com](mailto:revjodietz@gmail.com))

*District Superintendent* – Sarah Calvert | *Bishop* – Sue Hauptert-Johnson

#### **COF Guest WiFi is: Godlovesyou**



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*We hope that it speaks a message that you need to hear this season and draws you closer to Christ.*

