

St. John's United Church of Christ

201 West Market Street Germantown, OH 45327

December 24, 2023, 7:00PM

Solemnity of Christmas

Liturgist: Carol Garner

Organist: Decker Jones

Pastor: Mark Anthony

Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Love

The Fenton Family

Reading of the Fourth Sunday of Advent Prayer

***Hymn**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Red No. 119
Verses 1-2 & 4**

Christmas Proclamation/Lighting of Christmas Candle

Welcome

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Away In The Manger

James Murray

***Hymn**

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Gilead's Grace

***Opening Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Gracious God, in Jesus you show us how to be divine in our humanity. When we focus on greatness, you appear in humble circumstances among ordinary people, living ordinary lives. Amid the noise of our busyness, the angel song stirs our dulled awareness to hear again your voice. Grant us, God of surprises, hearts dedicated to hope and mercy, bound to one another in love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Moment

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Special Music

Midnight Clear (Love Song)

Gilead's Grace

Second Reading

Galatians 4: 4-7

Special Music

Christ the Lord is Born

Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

Luke 2: 1-20

Message

"A Seed Takes Root"

***Hymn**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Red No. 150
Verses 1 & 2**

***The Offering**

***Doxology**

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion (see insert)

Candlelight Service

Passing of the Light

Hymn: Silent Night

Concluding Prayer

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

Joy to the World!

George F. Handel

**All join us in standing as able*

Calendar of Events

Sunday (12/24): 7:00PM Worship Sanctuary
Tuesday (12/26): 12 - 2PM Food Pantry Brombaugh Rm
Thursday (12/28): 12 - 2PM Food Pantry Brombaugh Rm
7:00PM Chancel Choir Practice

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Mark Anthony (937) 657-5347
Pastormanthony45327@gmail.com

Emeritus: Rev. Mark L. Williams (937) 696-7412

**Organist/
Music Director:** Decker Jones deckerjones@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer: Pat Schaeff

Financial Secretary: Barbara Craycraft *Office Hours 9AM-2PM M-F*
SecretaryStJohns937@gmail.com

Worship Team:

Liturgist: Carol Garner

Greeter: TBA

Godly Play Leader: No Godly Play

Godly Play Lesson: No Godly Play

Tech: Kendall Peters, Rich Miletic, Nancy McDonnell, DJ Truax,
Grace Gregor, Tom Weaver

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*St. John's United Church of Christ is an
inclusive congregation where God's love
is felt by all, for all, and in all we do
through worship, mission and community.*

Christmas Communion



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