

**St. John's United Church of Christ**

201 West Market Street Germantown, OH 45327

**December 1, 2024 10:30AM**

**Communion Sunday**

**First Sunday of Advent**

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*Liturgist: Kathy Yohn   Organist: Decker Jones   Pastor: Mark Anthony*

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**Announcements**

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Welcome**

**Advent Wreath Prayer**

**The Zecchini Family**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prelude**

*New Things I Now Declare*

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Arise, People of God, for the light dawns on the world!

**People: We are grateful for the faithfulness of God.**

Leader: No one is excluded from the family of God.

**People: The coming of Christ opens a path to true peace and justice.**

**\*Hymn**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**R 119**

**Verses 1-2**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Ever-present God, dispel the darkness that would blind and separate us. Shine the light of your grace upon us and make us its vessels in our world. Send your Spirit into our hearts and minds so we may draw others to the true compassion, mercy, and hope that comes only through you. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Musical Offering**

*A Communion Meditation*

**Chancel Choir**

**Children's Moment**

**Scripture**

**Isaiah 42: 5-9**

**Luke 1: 67-79**

**Message**

**Light for the Nations**

**Mark Anthony**

**\*Hymn**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

**R 124**

**Verses 1-3**

**\*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)**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*

**B 129**

**Verses 1-2,4**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Serve Him Without Fear*

**\*All join us in standing as able**

## Calendar of Events:

Tuesday (12/03):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday (12/05):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Saturday (12/07)	10A-12PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

### Staff:

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### Worship Team:

**Liturgist:** Kathy Yohn

**Special Music Group:** Chancel Choir

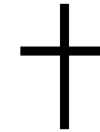
**Tech:** Kendall Peters, Rich Miletic, DJ Truax,  
Grace Gregor, Tom Weaver



*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.*

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