

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome & thank you** for joining us in-person or via live stream today.

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Coffee Hour.

**Newsletter:** We invite you to sign up for our email newsletter. Please email [news@nmchurch.org](mailto:news@nmchurch.org).

**Assisted listening devices** are available near the doors in the back for those who need help hearing the service.

**Large print bulletins** are now available for those who need them.

**Evening Bible Study resumes** Tuesday, January 23rd from 6:00 - 7:00 in the chapel. We'll be discussing the Gospel of Luke this winter. All are welcome.

There will be a **Worship Ministry Meeting on January 28th**, following church, in the Taylor Room. If you are on a team in the Worship Ministry, please come to work with your team and ministry mates. Thank you.

Our monthly **Lunch and Learn** will resume on Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 in the Taylor room. Save the date!

**Save the date:** Souper Bowl of Caring food drive and soup luncheon Sunday February 11, 2024.

Nothing's better than breakfast for dinner! Join us on February 13th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM for our **Brinner Pancake Dinner**.

### The First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

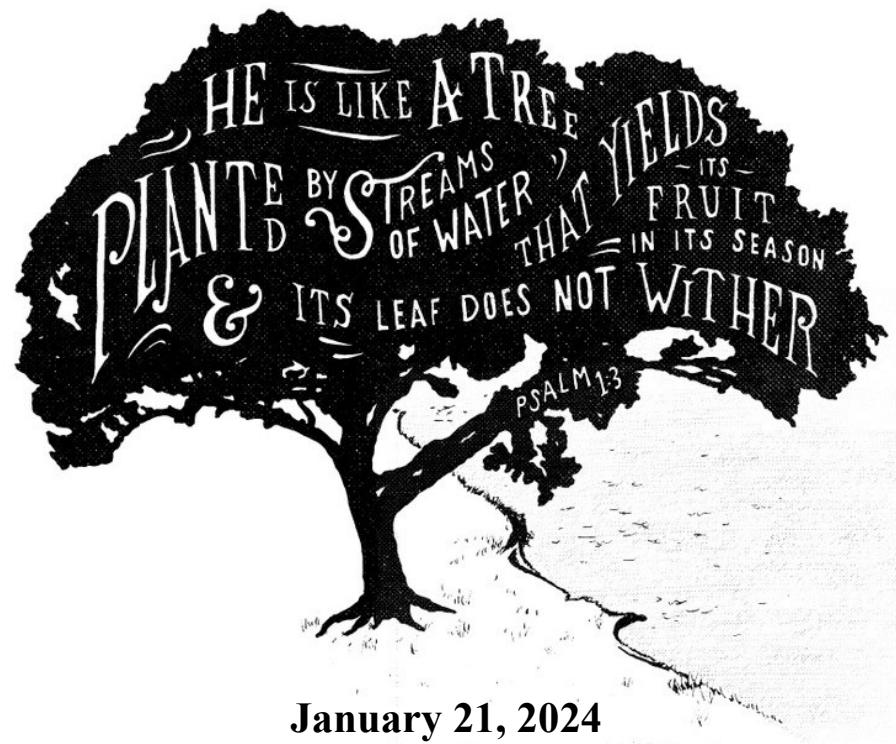
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| <b>Today's Service</b>    |                   |  |
| Deacon on Duty            | Cary Westfall     |  |
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| Ushers                    | Youth             |  |
| Scripture Readers         | Pam Cafiero       |  |

*"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here."*



**January 21, 2024**

## WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

## LIGHTING THE CANDLES

## PRELUDE

*Close Every Door*  
(from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat")

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The hour comes and now is

**People: when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth**

Leader: for the father seeks such to worship him.

**All: Here and now, let us praise God. Let us worship God together.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.*

HYMN\* *The God of Abraham Praise #24*

INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER

Living God, through the years you have called us to be your children. In times of struggle, you have upheld us. In times of pain, you have been our comfort. In times of despair, you have given us hope. And now we gather to lift our hearts and minds to you. In this hour deepen our love for you. We ask this in Jesus’ name who taught us to pray, saying:  
Our Father 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 1*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering  
Offertory *O Love* (Elain Hagenberg)

Song of Presentation\*  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offering Prayer\*  
Lord, may the offerings of our hands and hearts be used to share your love through the work of this church. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

HYMN *Wonderful Words of Life #323*  
*Church School children will process to the Parish House during the second verse.*

SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 39:1-4, 6-7*  
Choral Response

SERMON *Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat: A Test of Character*  
Choral Response

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN\* *Lift Every Voice and Sing #631*

BENEDICTION\* - spoken and sung.

POSTLUDE *Any Dream Will Do*  
(from “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”)

*\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit*



CALENDAR

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|---------------|---|
| Every Sunday: | 9:00 AM - Coffee House Crew<br>10:00 AM - Worship<br>11:00 AM Coffee Hour |
| Jan. 23       | – Evening Bible Study 6:00 - 7:00 PM in Chapel                            |
| Jan. 28       | – Worship Ministry Meeting in Taylor Room                                 |
| Feb. 7        | – Lunch & Learn 12:30 PM in Taylor Room                                   |
| Feb. 11       | - Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive and Luncheon                           |
| Feb. 13       | - Brinner Pancake Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 PM                                   |