

### Our programs for children and youth

For more detailed information visit our website [www.ucctolland.org](http://www.ucctolland.org)

**Nursery:** The nursery is open and staffed with volunteers for infants up to three years of age during our weekly 10am worship services.

**Church School:** Our traditional Church School program is offered during the 10am worship service. Our program is for children three years of age through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Children begin the morning in worship with their families and depart for Church School after the Children's Sermon. At that time, teachers meet their students in the hallway just outside the sanctuary. For more information contact Kristen Gallagher at [kgallagher@ucctolland.org](mailto:kgallagher@ucctolland.org).

**High School Assistants:** Each year we invite 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders to volunteer in the nursery or by assisting with our Church School classes. This is a great leadership and community service opportunity. For more information contact Kristen Gallagher at [kgallagher@ucctolland.org](mailto:kgallagher@ucctolland.org).

**Confirmation Class:** Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders participate in a weekly Confirmation Class held on Wednesday afternoons from 4-5pm. The class is taught by Rev. Jeff. For more information contact Rev. Jeff at [jgallagher@ucctolland.org](mailto:jgallagher@ucctolland.org).

**Youth Groups:** We offer multiple opportunities each year for our youth in grades 6-12 to gather outside of worship for fellowship and service to the community. For more information contact Rebecca Vicki at [rvicki07@gmail.com](mailto:rvicki07@gmail.com).

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## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**December 24, 2022**

**6:00 P.M.**

*All children are welcome to join in to portray the parts of angels, shepherds, animals, and townspeople. Volunteers are available downstairs to assist with costumes.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE “O Come, Little Children”

Michael Burkhardt

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Tuck the child in the manger bed. Jesus is born! Let Christmas begin!

**Many: No cradle, just a manger where cows and sheep are fed. No blanket, just hay, and no pillow for his head.**

One: No robe, no sleepers, no pajamas, just swaddling cloths to wear. No hospital, no nurses, nor a warm home, but love and care were there.

**Many: Angels for his choir, shepherds for his friends, and kings who came to worship as their long journey ends. And Mary and Joseph too, there to care for that special one.**

One: And so we sing “alleluia” and join the angel choirs, for Jesus was born in a manger on that first Christmas!

**Many: Tuck the child in the manger bed. Jesus is born! Let Christmas begin!**

One: So let Christmas begin—that the Christ child may be born among us again this night!

\*CAROL “O Come All Ye Faithful”

red #132

\*LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

**Many: As we light these candles tonight, we thank God for hope given to us, for peace that calms us, for joy poured into our hearts, and for love that shows us the way.**

One: We thank God for the gift of Jesus. We thank God that through Christ, light has come into the world and made it possible for us to see—and in seeing, to rejoice. *All the Advent candles, followed by the Christ candle, are lit.*

One: Let us pray together:

**Many: Loving God, Emmanuel, we thank you for being with us, and for sending Jesus to walk with us and lead us. Grant that the hope, peace, joy, and love—which we have heard and spoken all throughout Advent—might be born in us this night, and carried with us as we go forth to serve you and each other in this season of Christmas and New Year to come. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

\*HYMN “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER (unison)

**Many: Holy God, take us into that night long ago, and in our imaginations, let us marvel at the holy child, worship on bended knee and sing with the angels. Let us behold the tender care of Mary and the watchful eye of Joseph. Let us be blessed by the gaze of the Christ child. Loving God, when we leave this place, may we leave like the shepherds, singing and praising God, for Christ is born again and again—born to set us free, born to give us hope, born to change the world. Let it happen again on this joyous and joy-filled night. We pray this in the name of Jesus who grew up to teach us all to pray together, saying . . .**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

(debts, debtors)

THE CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Michael Burkhardt

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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“THE PROMISE” A Christmas Pageant in verse, by Mary Kay Beall/John Carter  
(SEE INSERT)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Wilbur Held

\*The congregation may stand.

*Children participating in the pageant will wait in the chancel for their adults at the end of the service.  
Photographs may be taken at this time.*