

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Algona, Iowa  
Reign of Christ Sunday  
November 25, 2018

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 132:1-12 from the *Common English Bible*

\*OPENING SONG: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” #87

## SHARING JESUS’ PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: Let’s enter God’s dwelling place.

Many: Let’s worship in the house of God!

One: Let’s enter with thanksgiving and praise.

Many: Let’s worship with the joy of the Lord!

One: Let’s worship with our words and our lives.

Many: Let’s live in the household of God!

OPENING PRAYER (read together)

Alpha God, you were present at our beginning. Omega God, you will be there at our ending. As the one who is and was and is coming, be with us each and every moment of our lives. Reign in our lives, that we might reflect the light of your love. Reign in our world, that your realm may abide on earth as it is in heaven. In your mighty name, we pray. Amen.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are. Choosing the lies of the world, your Word has not been on our lips. Choosing independent and isolated lives, we do not reflect your Spirit in our actions towards others. Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day, we are unable to follow the One whose weakness gives us life.

Forgive us, God who became weak for our sake. Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly. Free us from our captivity, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: Shout for joy, children of God! The God who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, and renews you.

Many: God’s Spirit rests upon us. Grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 1:4b-8

\*MIDDLE SONG: “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” #342

\*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (read together)

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until God’s realm fully comes, God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to God! God is sovereign. Let the earth be glad! Christ reigns; his rule has begun. The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of evil, and dedicate ourselves to holy living. As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God’s work in God’s world. With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we look forward to the day when the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth and God’s reign is fully established. Our world belongs to God! Jesus is our sovereign! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE John 18:33-37 from *The Message*

MESSAGE: “It’s Statement Day!” Pastor Burtnett

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Words #44

**\*DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

**\*CLOSING SONG:** "Christ, the Eternal Lord"

#335

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

The Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, and Offering Prayer of Dedication are from *The Abingdon Worship Annual-2018* edited by Mary J. Scifres and B. J. Beu . The Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance (adapted), are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Schuman. The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from a 20<sup>th</sup> century South African creed.

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Organist: Liz Reynolds

Lector: David Burrow

Worship Leader: Pastor Burtnett

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November Radio Sponsor: David Burrow

Birthdays : 11-28 Dennis Schwab, 11-30 Ann Stillman

Poinsettia orders will be called in this Tuesday. If anyone wishes to place an order let the office know.

Newsletter articles are also due on Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday, Pastor Burtnett will be in Humboldt for a clergy cluster meeting.

Friday Pastor Burtnett will be in Manson for a by-laws meeting.

Next Saturday we will decorated for advent at 10 am.

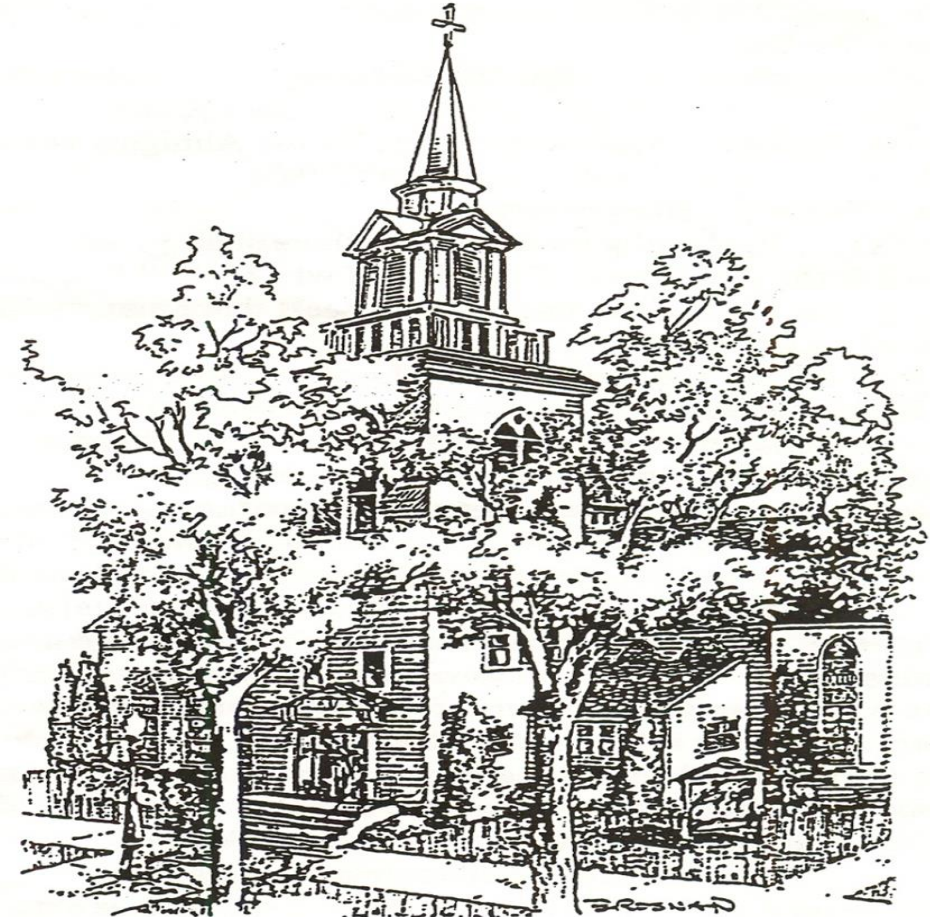
Next Sunday will be communion and food pantry collection.

Women's Fellowship will again have the mitten tree. A reminder that the children's mittens need to be waterproof. Hats and scarves may also be donated.

The Christmas family donations are being taken now. The last day for this donation will be the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

Also, the cookie sale will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

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