

Children's Church and Youth Group

Children's Worship: This week is Intergenerational Worship for our Annual Christmas Pageant! Our kids are invited to stay in the sanctuary with their families for worship. If they would like to participate in the Pageant but missed the Saturday rehearsal let Whitney know before service to find them a costume. Everyone is more than welcome to jump in!

Youth Group: (grades 6-12) -No youth group meeting after church this week.

Poinsettia Dedication

If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory or in celebration of a loved one?

please complete a form located at the back of the sanctuary. Include a donation of your choice and place the form in the Poinsettia Donation Box

All orders must be submitted by Thursday, December 18.

For your convenience, the form can also be completed online by scanning the QR code on the form.

Dinner for Families with Kids!

Join us on Thursday, December 18th for dinner with other families in the Bronski Family Home (2107 Creekside Dr, Longmont CO 80503) from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Street tacos will be served with vegan and gluten free options. Bring a pie for dessert to share!

Christmas Caroling: December 21st after worship

One of our fun traditions is caroling at the homes of UCC Longmont members and friends. All are invited! It's a fun time for people of all ages, abilities and singing levels. We'll meet in Fireside immediately after the worship service on Dec 21st where Rev. Amelia will have a list of stops we'll be making. From there, we'll figure out carpooling as needed, and then caravan our way around Longmont.

Welcome!

A very special welcome this morning to visitors and guests and a welcome back to those who haven't been here for a while. We would love to know you are here!

Use the QR code to subscribe to the e-newsletter, request a name tag, and ask questions in the comment section.



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Financial contributions to UCC Longmont are welcome! Please use the offering boxes in the back of the Sanctuary if you would like to give on Sundays. You can also give through our two online options, Vanco Online or Vanco Mobile which can be found at ucclongmont.org/giving

All generosity is appreciated!



First Congregational United Church Of Christ,
Longmont
An Open & Affirming Congregation
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A Weary
World Rejoices

Third Sunday in Advent: Joy

December 14, 2025

10:15 am

A Surprising Christmas Pageant

by Rev. John McIver Gage

This Week's Schedule

Gathering Music

Robert Hjelmstad

O Little Town of Bethlehem NCH #133

Angels We Have Heard on High NCH #125

Quickening Spirit Bell Choir

Today, December 14, 2025

- **Worship and Intergenerational Pageant Sunday** : 10:15 am
- **Youth Group:** No youth group meeting after church this week

Hymn and Bringing in the Light

O How Shall I Receive You NCH #102

Monday, December 15, 2025

- **Rev. Whitney Drop-in Office Hours:** 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm

Welcome

Rev. Whitney Janzen-Pankratz

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey.

You are welcome here!

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

- **Open Contemplative Practice:** 8:00 am, Fireside Room
- **El Comite Data Entry Team:** Fireside Room, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Rev. Amelia Richardson Dress

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

- **Rev. Amelia Drop-in Office Hours:** 10:30 am- 11:30 am
- **Bell Choir:** 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm
- **Voice Choir:** 7:15 pm- 8:30 pm

Lighting the Advent Candle

The Wiser Family

(Light candle)

Voice A: We sing, "Joy to the world!"

Voice B: Joy to the world.

Voice C: The whole world.

Many: The world God has in God's hands.

Voice A: The world that seems to be shrinking and spinning faster every day.

Voice B: The world of seas and mountains, rivers and streams.

Voice C: The world of honeysuckle and evergreen, morning snow and firesides.

Many: Joy to the world!

Voice A: Joy to this world—

Voice B: To every person and to every dream.

Voice C: Joy to you.

Many: Joy to me.

Voice A: Joy to the world—

Voice B: For love is real,

Voice C: and God is here.

Many: The sun will shine.

Voice A: Darkness will not overcome it.

Voice B: Joy to the world!

Voice C: Joy to this world.

Many: Amen.

Sung Response

Come to the Light

vs 1, 2 & 4 (insert)

Community Matters

Carol Wilson

Going in Song

Who Would Think That What Was Needed NCH #153

Sending Blessing

Postlude

Please return the "Come to the Light" hymn insert to the table at the back of the sanctuary. We will continue using these throughout the month of December. Thank you!



This year we have two services!

Come at 5:00 for "Carols and Candlelight."

Through a candlelit service of story and song we'll retell the nativity story. Come for all your favorite Christmas carols, ending with Silent Night.

At 7:00 we'll have our traditional Christmas Eve service with communion and choral music, ending with Silent Night.



Thursday, December 18, 2025

- **El Comite Data Entry Team:** Fireside Room, 6:00 - 8:30 pm
- **Dinner for Families with Kids:** The Bronski Family Home, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Office Hours

- **Monday-Thursday:** 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Prayers

Prayers for Elizabeth Nosek as she undergoes back surgery this week. Prayers for Gil Maston for healing. Prayers for those who are grieving during this Advent season. Prayers for Lina Zavala as she faces serious medical challenges. Prayers for Dave Pearson for healing and Marie Smith as she cares for him. Prayers for all of those experiencing mental illness and their loved ones. Prayers for John Flanders for healing. Prayers for Arlie Ostrander. Prayers for spouses and family members needing to be healthcare advocates and caregivers. Prayers for healing and renewal for our Earth.

Born to Read:

Thursday, December 18, 9:30 am–12:00 pm, Room 10

Join us as we fill bags with board books for infants, along with helpful information for parents about the importance of reading aloud to their little ones. Everyone is welcome to help with this meaningful activity. If you have any questions, please contact Marian Parsons or Mary Baskett.