

Children's Church and Youth Group

Children's Worship: This week is an intergenerational service. Children are invited to stay with us in the Sanctuary. As always, wiggles and wonders are welcome! Feel free to check out the coloring table or grab a worship bag from the cabinet in the back to take to your pew.

Youth Group: (grades 6-12) Food Drive Sorting and Lunch

Together 1:00 am (after church) - 1:00 pm

Questions? Ask Rob Cronin

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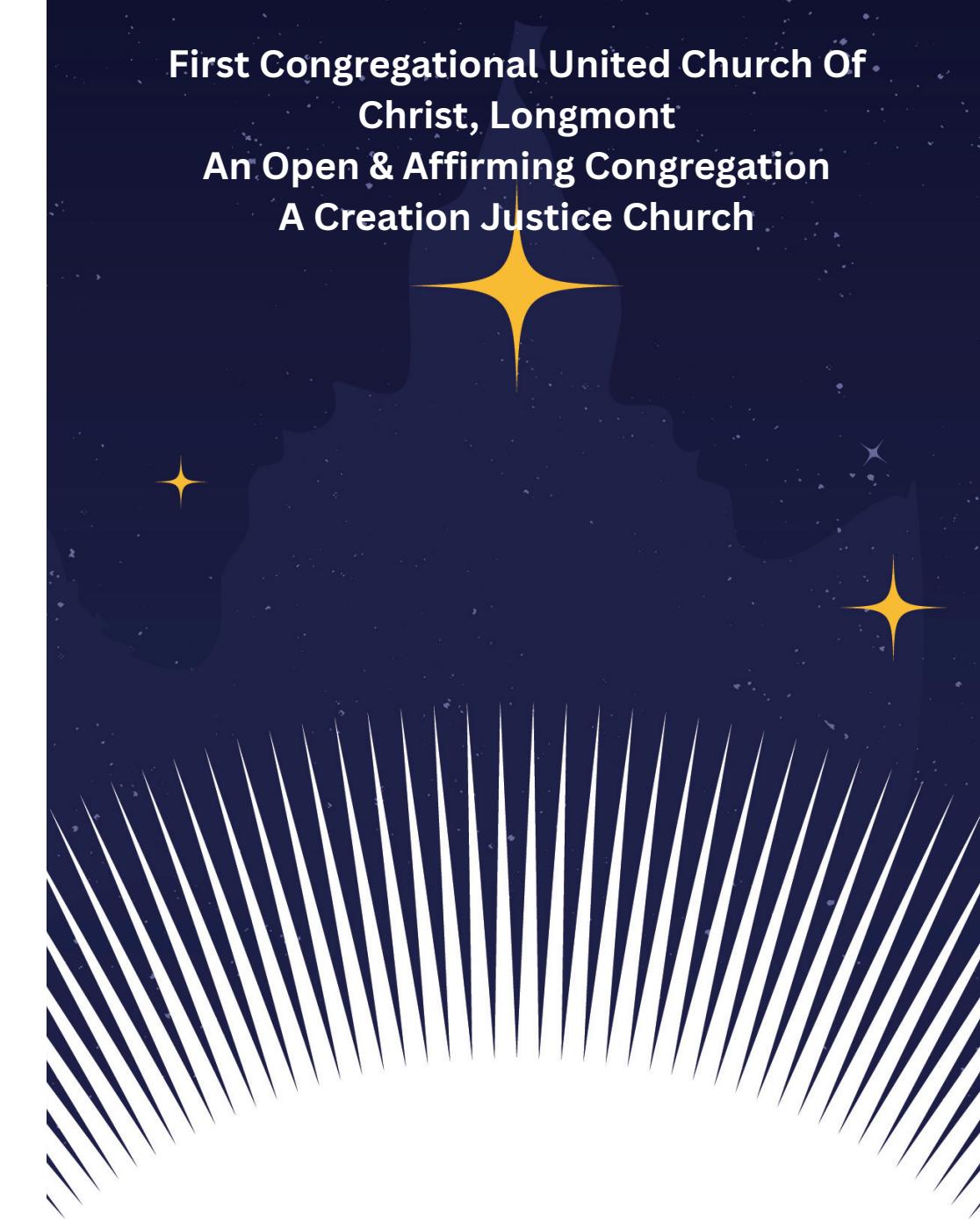
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Please use the offering boxes in the back of the Sanctuary if you would like to give on Sundays. You can also give through our two online options, Vanco Online or Vanco Mobile which can be found at ucclongmont.org/giving

All generosity is appreciated!



**First Congregational United Church Of
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**A Weary
World Rejoices**
Second Sunday in Christmas: Following the Star

UCC LONGMONT SERMON SERIES

January 4, 2026

10:15 am

Gathering Music

Robert Hjelmstad

Hymn and Bringing in the Light:

Hark! The Herald Angels... (Jesus the Light of the World) NCH #160

Welcome

Rev. Amelia Richardson Dress

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

You are welcome here!

Gathering Prayer

Rev. Whitney Janzen-Pankratz

Left: It's always been about the light with you, Jesus:

**Magi, braving distance and desert to find you,
and bewildered shepherds, compelled by an angel's invitation,
allowed light to be their guide,**

Right: And it is still the light that calls us to you;

the light of beauty that whispers its truth

in surprising ways and places;

**Left: the light of compassion that kneels,
and washes road-soiled, life-battered feet;**

**the light of joy that glows even in the darkness of grief and
suffering;**

**Right: the light that seeks to shine within us,
and through us into the dark corners of our world.**

**Left: It's always been about the light with Jesus;
and it's always about the light for us.**

**Right: Please lead us, God-with-us, now and always, out of
darkness and into your marvelous light.**

Hymn

Sing a Different Song

NCH #150

Invitation to Communion

One: It's always been about the light with Jesus

Another: And so we come to communion to remember this light.

One: A light that shines in the darkness, and invites us to follow.

Another: A light that welcomes all, and asks only that we trust.

Blessing the Bread and Cup

Sung Lord's Prayer

Our God in Heaven, Your name is Holy

Oh God of all, We sing your praise

Your kingdom come, among all people

For us here now, and all our days.

Give us today, the things we need

And keep our hearts, from fear and greed

Forgive our sins, O Lord, we pray

as we forgive, our hearts each day.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power and glory

for us here now, and ever more.

Words of Institution

Sharing at the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Passing the Peace

Community Matters

John Rostykus

Leaving in Song

Go Tell It on the Mountain

NCH #154

Benediction

This Week at UCC Longmont

Sunday, January 4

- **Intergenerational Worship Service with Communion : 10:15 am**
- **Our Center Food Drive Sorting : 11:00 am–1:00 pm**
- **Youth Group: Food Drive Sorting & Lunch: 11:00 am–1:00 pm**

Monday, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 6

- **Open Contemplative Practice : 8:00 am, Fireside Room**
- **No El Comite Data Entry Team Meeting**

Wednesday, January 7

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

Thursday, January 8

- **No El Comite Data Entry Team Meeting**

Church Office Hours

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

Prayers

Prayers for Elizabeth Nosek as she recovers from back surgery.

Prayers for Scott Wilson for healing following an injury. Prayer

for Lina Zavala for healing as she recovers from surgery. Prayers

for those who are grieving during this Christmas season.

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.

Scripture and Intergenerational Reflection

Sung Response: The Magi Who to Bethlehem Did Go NCH #155