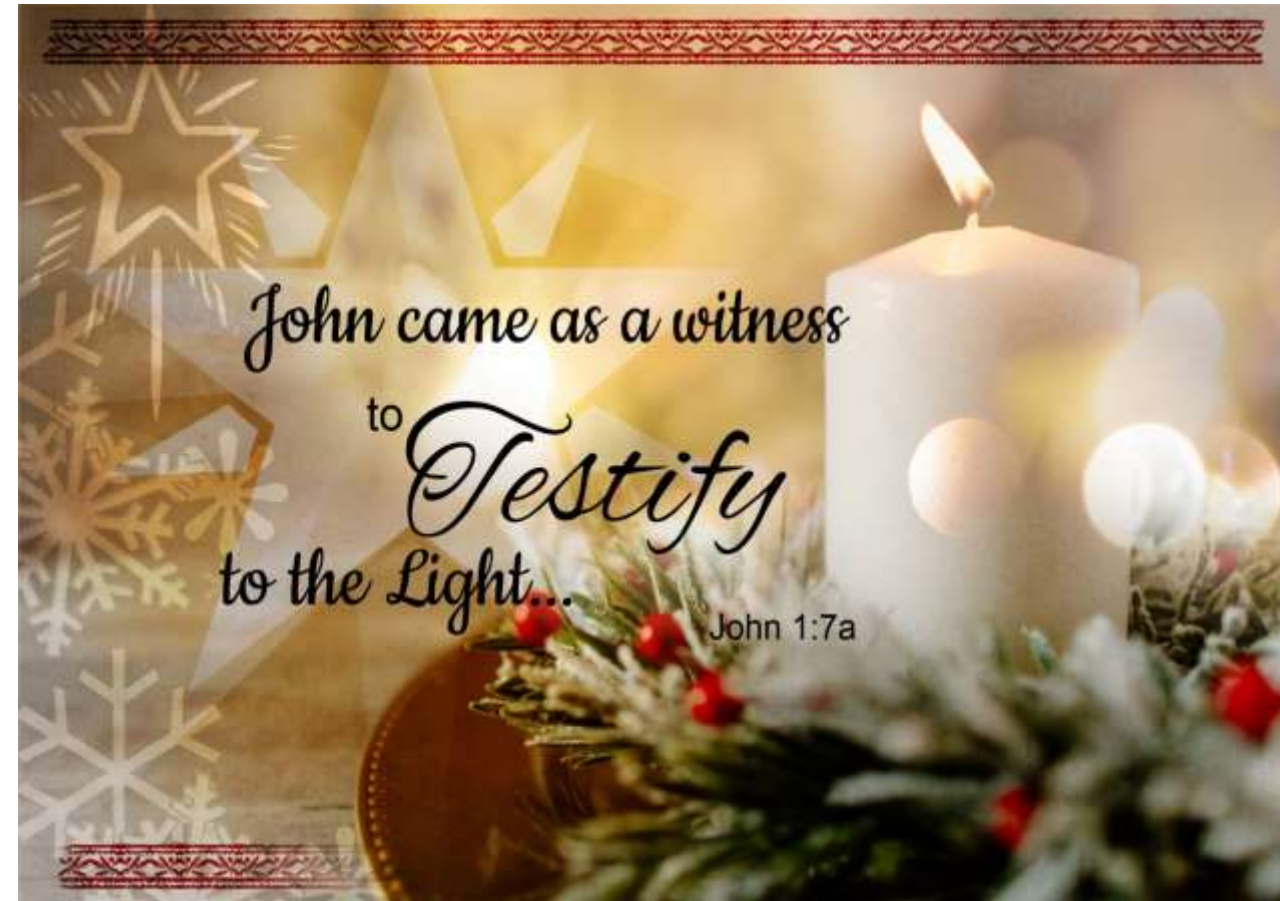


Christ Church United Methodist

December 15, 2024

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: *Gail Getty, Sherry Davidson, Joan, Tyler, Alice*
Reminder: If you would like a name added to our prayer list, please call or email the office with the information. In order to add someone's name (other than your own) you will first need that person's permission. Keep in mind if you are admitted to the hospital you must request for the pastor to be notified if you would like him to visit. Thank you.



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Welcome to Worship

**All are invited to stand.*

Prelude *The Holly and the Ivy* excerpt arr. Tom Megan

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Hymn #2204 *Light of the World*

Lighting the Advent Candle *Catherine Reid, Nancy Wilder*

Reader One: To testify is to say what we have seen, to tell our stories of what God has done. Our stories speak, like these candles shine, with resilient hope, evolving peace, and unexpected joy.

Lighting of the Hope, Peace, and Joy Candle

Reader Two: Let us pray.

O Coming One, help us to appreciate all the small joys of this season, remembering always that they are only little lights, pointing to the great, deep, and full joy that we await in you. Remind us of your true and future joy, especially when the small joys are hard to find. Amen

Hymn # 207 *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Children's Message

Choir Anthem *Jesus, Oh What A Wonderful Child* *Lloyd Larson*

Scripture *John 1:6-8, 19-28* *Rowan Stimpson*

Message "Testify" *Rev. Rich Weihing*

Hymn #2094 *Carol of the Epiphany*

Offering Our Gifts

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Bells of Shalom *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* *arr. Arnold Sherman*

Sharing In Prayer *The Lord's Prayer*

*Hymn #242 *Love Came Down at Christmas*

Benediction

Postlude *Earth Shall Ring* *arr. Margaret R Tucker*

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Mon 16th	6:30pm	Karate	FH
	7:00pm	Scouts	B
Tues 17th	1:00pm	Knitters	CL
	7:00pm	ADK Voices Board Mtg	FH
Wed 18th	10:30am	Pastor Study Group	CL
Thurs 19th	4:30pm	Bells Reh.	FH
	7:00pm	Scout OA Mtg	B
	7:00pm	Karate	FH
Fri 20th	10:00am	Ladies Group	
	6:30pm	Line Dancing Christmas Party	FH
Sat 21st	8:00pm	AA	FH
Sun 22nd	9:45am	Choir Rehearsal	S
	10:00am	Prayer Group	CL
	11:00am	Worship	S

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00pm.
Bring the family and join us to celebrate Christ's birth with
carols, choir, candlelight, children's message and stories.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Candles – Do you still need to order your candles? It's not too late. You can use the form by the doors, write it on a piece of paper or call the church office. 518 793-3468 Each candle is \$5.00 and the proceeds go to Feet First, a program to make sure children have new shoes to start school.

We're Going Christmas Caroling! Sunday, Dec. 22 at 1:00pm. Meet at the church so we can car pool and get the caroling route. Speak with Catherine Reid if you have questions.

Food Donations - Many people living in our community deal with food insecurity on a daily basis. With the holidays approaching we can help by donating non-perishable, non-expired food items, as well as personal hygiene items. Donations can be placed in the grocery cart near the Wasington Street sanctuary entrance and will be delivered to Glens Falls Family Service Association. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Bookclub- Have You Gotten Your Book Yet? This time we are reading *Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng*, the story of a young boy named Bird on the search for his mother Margaret, a poet whose work was deemed unpatriotic. This book was recommended as a 2025 social action book selection by the United Methodist Church. Books can be purchased at book stores and online so, grab a copy and plan on joining us for another great book discussion! Sunday, January 12th at 1:00pm.