

# Southport Congregational Church

United Church of Christ  
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*Rev. Paul Whitmore, Senior Minister*

*Rev. Laura Whitmore, Associate Minister*

## THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 28, 2021, at ten o'clock

*First Sunday in Advent*

### PRELUDE

**“Veni Emmanuel”** *arr. Phil Perkins*

**“Valse”** from *The Christmas Tree* Vladimir Rebikov  
*Darwin Shen, Violin & Elaine DeGrood, Piano*

### \*HYMN

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

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### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. Paul Whitmore*

Leader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we gather in Hope!

**People:** *Hope is our assurance that God will continue and finish what God has started!*

Leader: Hope is our confidence that God will be faithful and always with us!

**People:** *Hope is the light that makes its way into the darkness!*

Leader: Hope is the gift that God gives to empower us to change the world!

**People:** *On this Sunday of Hope, may we renew our commitment to prepare our hearts with God’s hope, grace, love and mercy, so that we are prepared to fully embrace our Lord of Lords and King of Kings!*

### \*THE INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER *(Trespases)*

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE**

*Advent Liturgists – Jennifer, Tim and Krissy O’Neill*

**Leader:** Christians around the world wait in hopeful expectation for the advent of Christ.

**People:** *We live in hope for our families, for our church and for our world!*

**Leader:** Because we are a people who believe, a people who have seen, and a people who have received the promises of Christ, even in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we live with real hope.

**People:** *We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with a deep commitment to let God’s light of love shine brightly in our lives. Let us rejoice, for God’s gift of love has been born unto us. Amen.*

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

“Light One Candle”

*Cherub Choir*

*Directed by Marnie Kruse*

*(Children may leave through the Fellowship Hall doors to attend Church School)*

**\*HYMN**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*Julie Center*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

To give towards your **2021 Stewardship Pledge Contribution** or make a plate donation, please text as follows:

**Text: 860-854-1995**

\$\_\_\_Pledge

\$\_\_\_Plate

To give **online**, please visit our website at [southportucc.org](http://southportucc.org)

To **mail** us your offering or pledge, please send a check to:  
Southport Congregational Church, PO Box 366, Southport, CT 06890

*Thank you!*

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, with the coming of your Son into our world and into our lives, we have every reason to believe that your kingdom on earth will be made manifest, and that good will triumph as we work with God’s will to make this happen. We exercise our faith today helping to make this happen in one way, by offering these gifts. We ask that you use them, and use us, to radiate your light of hope to those in need of love, support and encouragement. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

**SPIRITUALS & CAROLS FOR THE SEASON**Elaine DeGrood, *Director of Music*

Senior Choir &amp; Soloists

Darwin Shen, *Violin***“Silent Night”** *arr. Phil Perkins**Senior Choir**Darwin Shen, Violin*

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**“Creole Christmas Carol”** *Rogie Clark**Senior Choir**Nancy Long, Handbells*

Mam’selle Marie, mam’selle Marie, blessed damoselle. Had a baby named Jesus born long ago.

Ring out loud the Christmas Bell. Tell the news o’er hill and dell.  
Sound the trumpet o’er the sea. Christ the Lord has set us free.

Tell the news a King is born, On that blessed holy morn.  
All ye people join in song, Sing his praises loud and long.

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**“Rise Up Shepherd”** *arr. Mark Hayes**Beau Allen, Soloist*

There’s a star in the East on Christmas morn, Rise up, shepherd and follow;  
It will lead to a place where the Savior’s born, Rise up Shepherd and follow!

Follow, follow, rise up shepherd and follow; Follow the star of Bethlehem, Rise up shepherd and follow!

If you take good heed to the angel’s word, Rise up shepherd and follow;  
You’ll forget your flock you’ll forget your herds, Rise up shepherd and follow!

**“The Newborn Babe”** *Rogie Clark*

*Senior Choir*

Baby born in Bethlehem. O little child of Mary, O little child of Mary,  
Glory be to the newborn babe, newborn babe, babe, newborn babe,  
Glory, Glory, Glory!  
Make more room in Bethlehem, For this child of Mary, For this child of Mary,  
Glory be to the newborn babe, newborn babe, babe, newborn babe,  
Glory, Glory, Glory!  
He will bring good will to men, O little child of Mary, O little child of Mary,  
Glory be to the newborn babe, newborn babe, babe, newborn babe,  
Glory, Glory, Glory!

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**“Mary Had A Baby”** *Rogie Clark*

*Shannon Doyle, Soloist*

Mary had a baby, My Lord Mary had a baby, My Lord! Mary had a baby  
Born in a manger, Mary had a baby, My Lord  
Star keep a shining, My Lord! Star keep a shining, My Lord, Star keep a shining  
Born in a manger, Mary had a baby, My Lord  
What did she name him? My Lord! What did she name him? My Lord! What did she name him?  
Born in a manger, Mary had a baby, My Lord! My Lord!  
Mary had a baby, Mary had a baby, My Lord!

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**“Go Tell It On The Mountain”** *arr. Helvey*

*Senior Choir*

Go, tell it on the mountain! Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. (*chorus*)  
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light.  
(*chorus*)  
The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth  
(*chorus*)  
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.  
(*chorus*)

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**“Peace”** *Music by Peary Spaght*

*Senior Choir*

Peace I give to you. My Peace I leave with you.  
Not as the world gives do I give unto you.  
Let not your heart be pained. Neither let it be afraid.  
Peace that's everywhere. Peace beyond compare. Peace.  
Peace I give to you. Peace. My Peace to you.

**POSTLUDE**

**“We Three Kings”** *arr. Carol Tornquist*



**THE SENIOR CHOIR**

*Elaine DeGrood, Director of Music*

**Sopranos**

Joan Lowry  
Patti Spaght  
Laura Wilbur

**Altos**

Marnie Kruse  
Nancy Long

**Tenors**

Craig Gillespie  
Scott Kruse

**Basses**

Doug Goodman  
Jack Ijams  
Peary Spaght

**Soloists**

**Leslie Uhl, *Soprano***  
**Shannon Doyle, *Alto***  
**Beau Allen, *Baritone***

**Darwin Shen, *Violin***

# Now Thank We All Our God

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Martin Rinckart, 1586-1649  
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

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Melody by Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

1 Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,  
2 O may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,

Who won-drous things hath done, In whom his world re - joic - es,  
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless-ed peace to cheer us,  
The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,

Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way  
And keep us in his grace, And guide us when per - plexed,  
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heaven a - dore,

With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more. A - men.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Latin: c.9th century

Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, Sts. 1,2, alt.

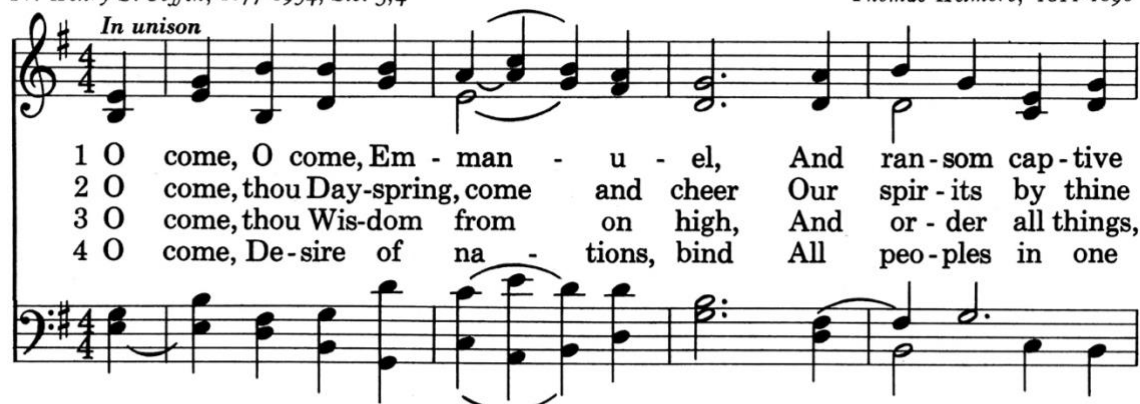
Tr. Henry S. Coffin, 1877-1954, Sts. 3,4

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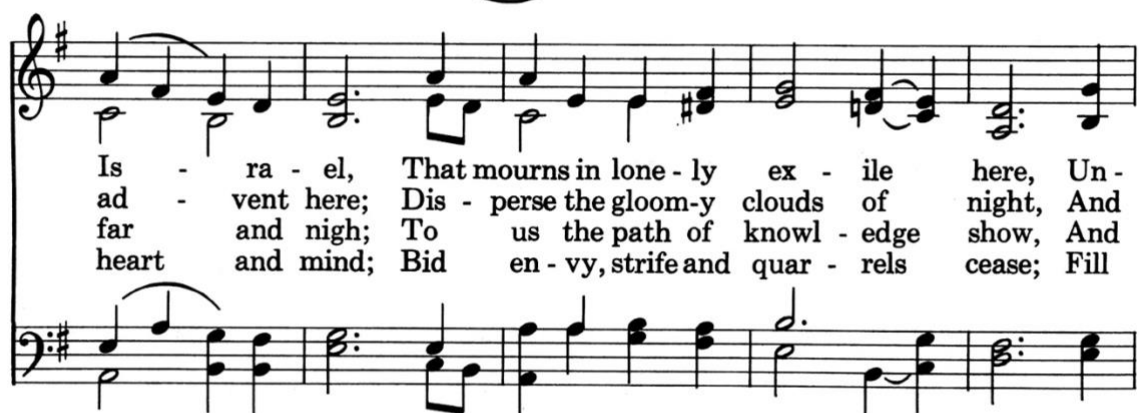
Adapted from Plainsong

Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890

*In unison*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by thine  
3 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der all things,  
4 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one

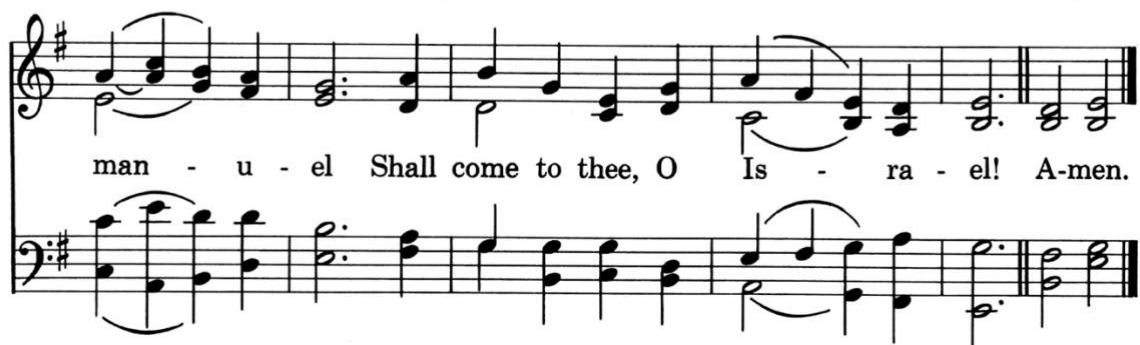


Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -  
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And  
far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show, And  
heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; Fill

REFRAIN



til the Son of God ap - pear.  
death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
cause us in her ways to go.  
the whole world with heav - en's peace.



man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el! A - men.

A D V E N T



**THE GIVING TREE** is in Fellowship Hall today! Please take a tag for a gift recipient at Emerge, Inc. (a home for victims of domestic abuse and their children), Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants or the Kennedy Center's Autism Project. The tag specifies what gift is needed. An e-blast was sent yesterday if you prefer to sign up online. Please return wrapped and tagged gifts to the church office by December 12.

**POINSETTIAS AND CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS** To make a contribution towards the decorations, or to purchase a poinsettia (\$15), please turn to page 10. **THANK YOU** - your donation of poinsettias will add beauty and meaning to the holiday!

**THE 2021 STEWARDSHIP GIVING CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN** Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign, chaired by Jennifer O'Neill and Paul Doocy is off and running! **Our 2022 goal is \$750k** in pledges through the participation from as many members and church friends as possible! **Currently, we have \$37,760 pledges** so we still have a ways to go. We ask that you **make your pledge as soon as feasible** to ensure we can fund the current levels of ministry, programs, education, and missions we have incorporated in our preliminary 2022 budget. Should you have any questions concerning pledging, please contact Paul DiPrato, Director of Administration, at (203) 255-1594 or [pdiprato@southportucc.org](mailto:pdiprato@southportucc.org).

Making your pledge is easy in 2022! You can do so in 3 ways.

- **ONLINE.** Scan the **QR code** (right) with your phone's camera and a notification will pop up. Tap on the notification and it will bring you to SCC's Stewardship Giving Form on our website. You can also navigate to the form from our website [www.southportucc.org](http://www.southportucc.org) where it is found under the Giving tab.
- **Paper Form.** Mail or drop off the paper form included in your 2022 Stewardship Giving Packet.
- **Email.** Send an email Paul DiPrato at [pdiprato@southportucc.org](mailto:pdiprato@southportucc.org) with your pledge information.



**WE THANK TODAY'S SENIOR CHOIR AND SOLOISTS** Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle and Leslie Uhl for their beautiful singing and our guest musician Darwin Shen, for working tirelessly these past weeks and sharing their musical gift with us to begin the Advent season.

**WE THANK OUR CHERUB CHOIR**, directed by **Marnie Kruse**, for welcoming Advent with their singing of "Light One Candle of Hope".



**MISSIONS IN ACTION** – Rev. Laura Whitmore and Elinor Biggs delivered 95 meals for 4, made by *The Little Pub* to families of the Adam J. Lewis Academy. This was funded by the “Acts of Kindness Fund” – an anonymous gift to be used to make our world a happier place.

**THANK YOU TO THE ELVES** who decorated the Sanctuary and church for Christmas: Rev. Laura Whitmore, Erno Bacso, Hannah Bacso, Sophie Bacso, Alina Bogitakova, Paul DiPrato, Caroline Graham, Kieran Heske, Ian Holmberg, Katie Holmberg, Aidan King, Channing Malkin, Jack Nickell, Tim O’Neill, Pam Poling, Austin Rasmussen, Scarlett Rex, Sally Smith, Katie Traynor, Jack Waiksnis, Liz Waiksnis and Tommy Wright, and to Steve Dineley and his crew at Dineley Painting for hanging garlands, wreaths and other decorations!

**USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY** are Deacons Tamberlyn Chapman and Andrew Malkin under the direction of Deacon Ann Lillis.

**THANKS TO THIS WEEK’S LIVESTREAM “DREAM TEAM”** Tech **Henry Schott** and **Jack Waiksnis** under the direction of Director **Parker Whitmore**.

**CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY** Grades K-8 will meet with Phillip Bettencourt in the Chapel for the Pageant rehearsal! Children not participating in the Pageant can meet with Julie for a special activity. Childcare for infants through 3 years old will be in Room 5 with Ellie Nickell and Ella Chapman.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** will not meet tonight - Happy Thanksgiving! **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** meets this Tuesday, November 30, **from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.** in the Youth Room. Student Minister Julie Center invites all Middle Schoolers to join in the fun!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** meet this Tuesday, November 30, at 5:30 p.m., in the Youth Room, with dinner provided by Scott Conopask and family.

**SENIOR CHOIR** rehearses in Sanctuary, Sundays, 9:00 a.m., and in Music Room, 11:15 a.m.  
**THE HANDBELL CHOIR** rehearses on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room.  
**THE CHERUB CHOIR** rehearses on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel, and  
**THE JUNIOR CHOIR** in Room 6, also at 9 a.m.  
**THE TEEN CHOIR** rehearses at 11:30 a.m. in Room 6.



## Christmas Decorations and Poinsettias



### Please Help Us Beautify Our Church For The Christmas season!

Your contributions for our Sanctuary Christmas tree and other decorations, or your donation of poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones, will add beauty and meaning to the holiday.

Please return this form or call the church office or email us at [office@southportucc.org](mailto:office@southportucc.org) by **Sunday, December 12.**

There will be a listing of donors in the church bulletins on December 19 and 24.

Please share with us the following information:

Name of the donor, the name of the person being honored or memorialized,  
and the number of plants you would like.

**Each plant is \$15.**

You may take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve service ends at 11 p.m.,  
or on Friday, December 31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Remaining plants will be shared with members of the Congregation.

Please bring cash or send a check for the correct amount, made payable to  
Southport Congregational Church  
to the church office or mail it to  
Southport Congregational Church, P.O. Box 366,

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of poinsettias at \$15.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Contribution for tree/altar decorations

You can choose from several payment options.

- **Venmo @southport\_congregational.** Please include the name of the person being honored or memorialized, and the number of plants you would like.
- **Pay by text:** Text to (860) 854-1995 and write \$\_\_\_\_Decor, then send an email to [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) with the name of the person being honored or memorialized, and the number of plants you would like.
- **Pay online - click [HERE](#).** In the drop-down menu select 'Give to Decor'. In the comments field include the name of the person being honored or memorialized, and the number of plants you would like.
- **Cash** – pay at the office and provide form
- **Check** – drop it off at the office or mail to Southport Congregational Church, P.O. Box 366, Southport, CT 06890. Please include the form

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**Senior Minister - Paul D. Whitmore      Associate Minister - Rev. Laura H. Whitmore**

**CHURCH STAFF:**

Student Minister – Julie Center  
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Church Secretary – Pam Poling · Bookkeeper - Maria Bogatikova  
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Director of Music - Elaine DeGroot  
Youth Choir Director - Phillip Bettencourt · Assistant Youth Choir Director - Marnie Kruse  
Soloists - Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle, Leslie Uhl

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Sherry Greer	Missions
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**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

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Stuart Tilghman	- 2022
Ellen Levinson	- 2023
Erno Bacso	- 2024
Ron Manning	- 2024
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Ellery Malkin	- 2024
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**PRESCHOOL BOARD**

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Leslie Uhl	- 2023
Barbara Evans	- 2024
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**MISSION OUTREACH BOARD**

Elinor Biggs	- 2022
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Traci Provost	- 2024
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**BOARD OF DEACONS**

Denise Caron-Quinn	- 2022
Leah Davis	- 2022
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Andrew Malkin	- 2023
Marjory Palmer ◊	- 2023
Jeff Provost	- 2023
Jeffrey Earls	- 2024
Ann Lillis	- 2024
Oladele Ogunsuyi	- 2024
Tamberlyn Chapman	- 2025
Sadhana Joliet +	- 2025
Joe Pezzimenti	- 2025

**MUSIC COMMITTEE**

Doug Goodman	- 2022
Dwight Holmberg	- 2022
Laura Wilbur	- 2022
Irene Santa	- 2023
Peary Spaght ◊	- 2023
Jack Ijams	- 2024
Ruth Merchant	- 2024
Ed Sanford	- 2024
Jeff Provost	Deacon Liaison

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

Carol Lasseter-Rice	- 2022
Ann Lillis	- 2022
Hedy Mosier	- 2022
Jean Schluter	- 2022
Robin Marshlow	- 2023
Traci Provost	- 2023
Erika Wright	- 2023
Amy Cawman	- 2024
Betsy Gillespie	- 2024
Katie Traynor	- 2024
Marney White	- 2024

**CARING TEAM**

Tamberlyn Chapman	Deacons
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Jeff Nickell	- 2022
Tim Stuart ◊	- 2022
Stephani Whittaker	- 2022
Jim Biggs	- 2023
Gary Johnson	- 2023
Joe Ryan	- 2023
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Katia Mead	- 2024
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Trevor Uhl, Treasurer	- 2022
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**CAROUSEL THRIFT SHOP**

Doug Goodman	- 2022
Gloria Miller	- 2022
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Janet Sherwood	- 2023
Karen Macdonald	- 2024
Les Miller	- 2024
Nancy Pandolfi	- 2024

**HISTORIAN**

Sally Ijams	- 2022
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**LAY DELEGATES**

Les Miller	- 2022
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**FLOWER COMMITTEE**

Leah Davis	Deacon Liaison
Pam Poling	Staff Liaison

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Paul Doocy	Council
Joyce Hergenhan	Council
Sydney King	Council
Patti Spaght ◊	Council
Jeffrey Earls	Deacons
Ellery Malkin	Education
Elinor Biggs	Missions
Stephani Whittaker	Trustees

◊ Denotes Chairperson  
+ Denotes Scribe  
◦ Denotes Vice Chair  
ALM Denotes "At Large Member"

