

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### HYMNS FOR GATHERING

#241 *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

#680 *O God of Every Nation*

### WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES/RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *I Wonder as I Wander*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Cindy Burkhardt

Leader: Now is the time of watching and waiting.

**People: The time of pregnant expectation of new life.**

Leader: Now is the season of hope unfolding.

**People: The dark winter season when hope is waiting to be born.**

Leader: Let us come before God with receptive and willing spirits.

**All: May our souls magnify God's name. Rejoice! God comes to bring the birthday of life and hope. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #119 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

\*OPENING PRAYER

**O Living Christ, you were, you are, you come. Clothe us with garments of celebration, that we may be prepared for the feast of Your reign. Keep us wakeful, that our lamps may ever burn in the vigil of Your coming. Give us sight, that we may recognize the signs of Your coming. And give us strength to stand in Your presence. So may all these things be, through Your gracious Spirit. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Long-Awaited One* Chancel Choir

**THE CANDLE OF HOPE** Glenn & Cindy Burkhardt

First Lesson Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson Luke 21: 25-36

Leader: God is still speaking

**People: Spread the Good News!**

SERMON "Earth Signs" Pastor Marsha

\*HYMN #715 *Now Thank We All Our God*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God, as we strive to be Your church in the world, we ask that You bless the gifts we give, using them to continue being Your church in an ever-changing world. We pray to be part of the unceasing faithful effort to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with You. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #431** *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Postlude on a French Noel*

## ***Clinton United Church of Christ***

*CUCC Mission Statement Adopted May 14, 2024*

*Joyfully serving God, our church family, and neighbors,  
near and far, with dignity, compassion, and respect.*

### ***“Earth Signs”***



***DECEMBER 1, 2024***

***REV. MARSHA MCFADDEN QUICK***

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