

# Cottage Grove United Church of Christ

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## Our Service of Worship

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

10:15 am

*Cottage Grove United Church of Christ is a Joyful Place to be... making connections, touching lives, and serving Christ.  
We enter the Sanctuary to worship God. We leave the Sanctuary to serve with God.  
(\*All who are able in body and/or spirit are invited to stand)*

### We Gather to Worship

Gathering Music

*"I Love You"*

Music and lyrics by Steven Scholl

Steve Scholl and JC Rock

*"It's About the Cross"*

By Jameson Statema - CCLI Song # 4804149, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

Ring of the Bell/Welcome

*(If you wish, please type your online greetings/peace to one another in the chat/comment section.)*

\*An Opening Hymn of Praise

*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

Lyric Sheet, HFG #172, vs. 1-3

Advent Candle Lighting: The Candle of Love (Words on screen)

The Johnson Family

A Response in Song

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

Lyric Sheet, HFG #178, vs. 1, 3

### We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1 John 4:7-12

The Gift of Music

*"We Have A Savior"*

By Ben Glover, Reuben Morgan - CCLI Song # 6336811, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

We Learn from God's Word

*"God's Greatest Gift"*

Pastor Bryan Olson

*An Unlikely Advent Message Series*

\*A Song of Faith

*"How High and How Wide"*

By Mark Altrogge - CCLI Song # 435313, CCLI License # 1913200

Lyric Sheet

### We Bring Our Tithes and Offerings

An Invitation to Give In-person, Electronically, and by Mail

*(In person guests are invited to place their offerings in the box at the back of the sanctuary. For those who wish to give electronically, a QR Code will be shown during this time in the service where you can connect to CGUCC's safe and secure online giving site directly by scanning the code with your mobile device.)*

Offertory Response

*"Christmas Offering"*

By Paul Baloche - CCLI Song # 7005509, CCLI License # 1913200

Lyric Sheet

### We Offer Our Prayers

We Gather and Share Our Prayers and Thanksgivings

*(If you would like to, please share your prayer requests online by typing them into the chat/comment section or sending a private message to Pastor Bryan at pastor@cgucc.org)*

We Pray Together

The Lord's Prayer

### We Go Out to Live and Serve

\*A Song As We Part

*"Shine Jesus Shine"*

By Graham Kendrick - CCLI Song # 30426, CCLI License # 1913200

Lyric Sheet

\*We Receive A Blessing

\*Music As We Leave

*"Come on Ring Those Bells"*

By Andrew R. Culverwell - CCLI Song # 19928, CCLI License # 1913200

JC Rock

### NEXT STEPS THIS WEEK...

- What will you do to extend God's gift of love to those who often feel excluded, isolated, and alone this Advent and Christmas?
- Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join you at the following Christmas services at CGUCC: **Service of Light and Remembrance** (Dec. 19 - 7:00 pm), **Kidz Ministry Christmas Pageant** (Dec. 22 - 10:15 am), **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship** (4:00 pm and 9:00 pm).
- Join the Women's Fellowship in putting together care packages to share with some of our church members over the Christmas season to spread holiday joy! Volunteers needed to donate 2-3 dozen small Christmas cookies by **Sunday, December 15th**, prepare soup on **Friday, December 13th at 9 am**, and assemble and deliver care packages on **Sunday, December 15th**. This project is open to everyone including women, men, youth, and families.
- If you are looking for a great way to make a difference in the life of our church and community this Christmas season, please prayerfully consider making a special year-end financial gift to Cottage Grove UCC to help strengthen our vital mission and ministries.
- Give my financial tithes and offerings to the church **in person, electronically** (using the QR code or at www.cgucc.org), or **by mail** (7008 Lamar Ave S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016).

