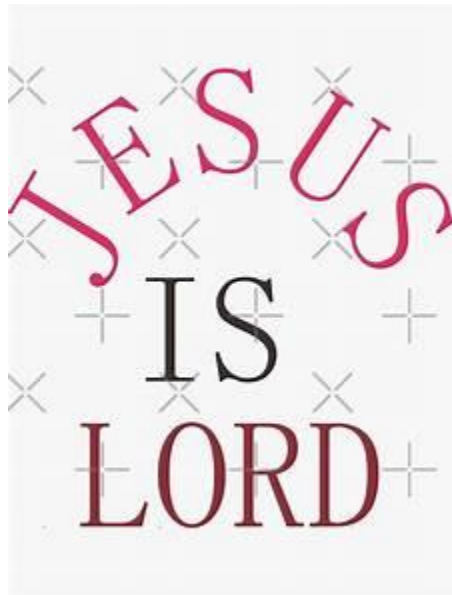


**HAMDEN PLAINS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514
203- 248-4654



“The mission of the Hamden Plains United Methodist Church is sharing God’s love by creating a safe and welcoming community, connecting people’s needs with God’s power, and reconciling divisions through Christ.”
-Mission Statement

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2025

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

+ Those able please stand

PRELUDE

+WELCOME TO THE PARISH

+OPENING HYMN “God Will Take Care of You”

UMH#130

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Louise Pruchnicki

CALL TO WORSHIP

Louise Pruchnicki

Leader: Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

People: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

Leader: I say of the holy people who are in the land, “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.”

People: Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Louise Pruchnicki

Father God, as we come into this New Year, we ask that Your love and grace would come into our lives in abundance. We ask for Your direction and Your guidance to navigate through life's ups and down. Just as with any father we need Your wing of love to cover and comfort us. We believe that You will do all of these things for us. It is in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION**Louise Pruchnicki**

As we start this New Year, Jesus Your birth has given humanity a new lease on life. You have allowed us to be forgiven of our sins through the confession of our lips. We ask now that if You find anything in us that should not be, forgive us. We ask dear Lord that You would wash us and cleanse from all unrighteousness, and give us a clean heart so that we might do Your will. It is in the mighty, matchless and merciful name, Jesus we pray, Amen.

Offer prayers of silent confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE**Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.****JOYS & CONCERNS***The Lord's Prayer***UMH #895****Louise Pruchnicki**

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.

+THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**Louise Pruchnicki**

Song: The Jesus in Me

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**Old Testament:**

Proverbs 8:5-8

Louise Pruchnicki

⁵O simple ones learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. ⁶Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; ⁷for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. ⁸All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God*

+ New Testament:

Matthew 2:1-6

Louise Pruchnicki

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

SERMON

"Jesus is Lord!"

Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.**OFFERING****INVITATION TO OFFERING****Louise Pruchnicki**

*Please mail or drop off your tithes and offerings to:
15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514.*

Noisy Offering (coins for missions) may be dropped off at the church.

ANTHEM

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH #140**New Praise****+RESPONSE**

"The Doxology"

UMH #95**+OFFERTORY PRAYER****Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.**

We give to Your Sons church this morning, because in Your word You have promised to bless us. We know that it is better to give than to receive. We give this offering in this

New Year to bless Your Son for all that he has done. For without Him where would we be. However, He came to earth to redeem God back to humanity, and humanity back to God. For, this gift to us, we say thank You in our giving, Amen.

GOING FORTH

+CLOSING HYMN “I'm goin' a sing when the Spirit says sing” UMH #333

BENEDICTION Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.

RECESSIONAL “Sanctuary” TFWS #2164

The Postlude

The Worship has ended. The Service Begins

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: Please call the office if you need to meet with the Pastor. HE is available Wednesday-Friday's after 3:30 pm.

YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT MEANS SO MUCH! Please mail gifts to HPUMC, 15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514 or drop them off during office hours, Tues - Fri., 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. For Venmo, scan QR code or go to www.venmo.com/HamdenPlains-UMC.



CONNECTIONAL BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP: Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Watch for the email sent on Tuesday with the outline for Bible Study.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: WEDNESDAYS 7:00 p.m. If you would like more information about joining choir, please contact Dunn Pearson (dunnpearson@gmail.com) for more information. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



All are invited to *Dinner for a Dollar* each Saturday, 6 – 7 p.m. take-out only through the Church Street doors.



SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS should be called or e-mailed to Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 or secretary.hpumc@gmail.com

THIS WEEKS PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-19

Sara Stafford, recovering at home
Baby Leah, request from Brenda Pineau
Pam Gripper
Charlotte Sroka
Lois Hartsoe, heart issues
Holly Wesman, partner of Karen Sroka, cancer

Home Bound/ Rehab

Mary Bales, 33 Woodruff Street, #113, Hamden, 06518
Lois Hartsoe, 7310 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, 06492
Pat Leno, 850 Mix Avenue, Hamden, 06514
Claudette and Jimmy Morrison, 112 East Gate Lane, Hamden, 06514
Carmine Raccio, 15 Sunrise Cove Road, Branford, 06405
Marianne Reynolds, 520 Pool Rd. Apt. 424, North Haven, 06473
Rosemary Shaw, 345 Fountain Street, Apt. 202, New Haven, 06515
Frank Teodosio, 330 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, 06525



BIRTHDAY'S: Lisa Collins 1/13, Mahalia Keller 1/14,
Wray Williams 1/16, Daniel Fleck 1/17,
Jesse Wotton 1/17

WAYS TO BE IN MINISTRY AND MISSION:

- Host Fellowship Hour
- Bring your "Cans for the Congo" during office hours or on Sundays.
- Drop off food for the Hamden Food Bank.
- Cook and/or serve for "Dinner for a Dollar" (take-out only). To sign up, contact Marty Hartog at 203.506.9788 or hartogm1@southernct.edu
- Check in by phone or send a note to someone home-bound or elderly.
- Continue to mail in your tithes and offerings.
- Donate used books to our Little Free Library
- Donate used printer ink cartridges
- Stay abreast of developments by reading your e-mail or checking the website.
- Read the upcoming Sunday scriptures as an act of spiritual formation
- Become a reporter for *The Messenger*

For information about these ministries, contact Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654/
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Worship Assistants

	TODAY January 12, 2025	Next Week, January 19, 2025
Liturgist	Louise Pruchnicki	Megan Malanson
Ushers	Derrick Pommills	Ed Zorian
Fellowship Time	Brantley's	Sandra
Counters	Lynn Brantley Randi Harrell	Terri Bennett Kersten Moore

January 5: ATTENDANCE: In-person: 50 OFFERING: \$2,477

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF January 12, 2025

Sunday	January 12	Worship	10:15 am
		Fellowship Time	Following worship
Tuesday	January 14	Bible Study	6:30 pm
Wednesday	January 15	Prayer Team	11:00 am
		Women's Group	12:00 pm
Saturday	January 18	Dinner for a Dollar	6:00 pm
Sunday	January 19	Worship	10:15 am
		Fellowship Time	Following worship

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or <https://tinyurl.com/t9q8gw6>

Worship at 10:15 a.m. Sundays

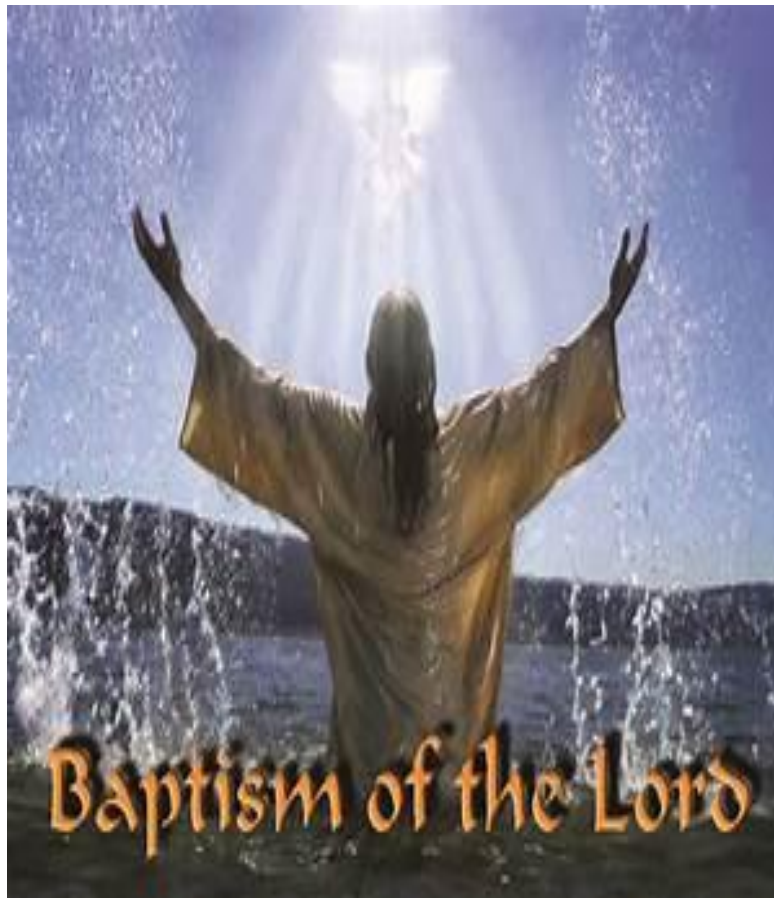
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