



All are invited to:
2018 ADVENT ~ CHRISTMAS ~ EPIPHANY
Worship Services & Programs at
First Congregational Church UCC of Burlington
38 South Winooski Ave., Burlington, VT ~ www.firstchurchburlington.org



“Hope for the Journey”

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Second Sunday in Advent

- 8 a.m. Worship in the Chapel ~ including service stories from Puerto Rico.
- 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary ~ including service stories from Puerto Rico.
- Our Fall 2018 Puerto Rico service travelers will host the “Fellowship Gathering” following the 10 a.m. worship.

THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 13 & 20

- **DINNER and ADVENT STORIES & SCRIPTURE:** During Advent, there is a sense of sacred preparation as we look forward to the blessings of Christmas. Join us on December 13 and 20 at 6 p.m. as we dive into scripture and stories that give us *Hope for the Journey*. Similar to our summer 2018 Peace Camp, this program is multi-generational and will offer a simple dinner for all on arrival (starting at 5:45 p.m.) for the evening AND separate programming and activities for children and adults so our community of faith can participate in the Season of Advent together. All are welcome and invited!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- *Christmas Pageant Rehearsal:* 9 a.m. to noon Information available at Church about how to sign-up to participate.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Third Sunday in Advent ~ Christmas Pageant Sunday: “Hope for the Journey”

- 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary – Christmas Pageant
- 11 a.m. Christmas Wrap Event for all ages! Let’s gather to wrap simple, practical gifts for many VT children and adults!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 ~ *Blue Christmas Candlelight Worship Service*

- 5:30 p.m. Worship in Chapel with Rev. Carrie Bail

The Christmas season can be a time of grief, sadness and anxiety. This time in worship offers space and time to reflect on the wide range of emotions that Christmas can raise. All are welcome to this prayerful, candlelight worship service.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Fourth Sunday in Advent

- 10 a.m. The “Christmas Sunday” Worship Service includes special music from our choirs and a lovely reception following the worship service! The worship will close with an invitation for all who want to join the Sanctuary Choir in singing Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus!”

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 ~ *Christmas Eve*



5:00 p.m. A Family Service for All Ages with Ava Kelly, Community Outreach Coordinator. The service will include Carols & Lessons, Children’s Choir, Bell Choir; during *Silent Night*, individual battery operated votive lights will light the Sanctuary.

7:30 p.m. Rev. Carrie Bail will lead our **Candlelight Service with Carols & Lessons**. The service will feature our Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir; during *Silent Night*, individual candles will light the Sanctuary.

10:30 p.m. Rev. Carrie Bail will lead a late evening **Meditative Candlelight Worship** with beautiful music, candlelight and Communion. The Communion table is open to all and includes gluten free bread.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 10:00 am Worship: Our Worship Committee is planning this lay-led service.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 *Epiphany Sunday* ~ 8 a.m. Worship in the Chapel; 10 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

