

THE KIRK of Bonnie Brae

The image shows the interior of a church, identified as 'The Kirk of Bonnie Brae'. The space is decorated for Christmas. A large, tall evergreen tree stands on the right side, heavily decorated with warm white lights and white star ornaments. In the foreground, several potted poinsettias with bright red flowers are arranged. To the left, the altar area is visible, featuring a wooden pulpit, a candelabra with purple and white candles, and a collection of white figurines on a purple cloth. A tapestry with a wreath and the words 'Take Joy!' hangs on the brick wall behind the altar. The church has a high, vaulted ceiling with exposed wooden beams and a blue carpeted floor. A green exit sign is visible above a door on the right.

DECEMBER 28, 2025
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Order of Worship

December 28, 2025

Prelude		Christine Dunning
Gathering Words		Rev. Selena Wright
*Gathering Song	<i>"Jesus, O What A Wonderful Child"</i>	NCH 136
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Wright
*Passing of the Peace		Rev. Wright
God makes peace within us; LET US CLAIM IT. God makes peace between us; LET US SHARE IT. <i>Please take a moment to greet those near you.</i>		
*Hymn of Praise	<i>"Hark the Herald Angels Sing!"</i>	NCH 144
Guiding Prayer & Jesus' Prayer		Rev. John Davidson
Special Music	<i>"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"</i>	Greg Cooke
Children's Moment		Rev. Wright
Scripture	Luke 2:21-38	Eva Gebel
Message	Rooted in Ritual	Rev. Wright
Response Hymn	<i>"Joy to the World!"</i>	NCH 132
Stewardship Moment		Eva Gebel
<i>To donate to the Kirk, there is a plate on the back table. You can also visit the Donate section on our website or text the dollar amount you wish to give to 833-262-8879.</i>		
Prayer Stations		Rev. Wright
<i>All are welcome to share the bread and the cup and engage in our prayer stations throughout the sanctuary.</i>		
Community Prayers		Rev. Wright
*Closing Song	<i>"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"</i>	On Screen
*Benediction		Rev. Wright
Postlude		Christine Dunning

****Please rise in body or in spirit***

QUOTES TO INSPIRE

"We do spiritual ceremonies as human beings in order to create a safe resting place for our most complicated feelings of joy or trauma, so that we don't have to haul those feelings around with us forever, weighing us down. We all need such places of ritual safekeeping.

— Elizabeth Gilbert

KIRK CALENDAR

Sunday, December 28	10:00 a.m.	Worship <i>no youth group</i>	Sanctuary
Thursday, January 1, 2026!		Happy New Year Kirk!	
Sunday, January 4	10:00 a.m.	<i>no DIG</i> Worship	Sanctuary & YouTube
	11:15 a.m.	De-Deck the Halls	Sanctuary & Narthex
	12:00 p.m.	Pancake Breakfast	Lower Level
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Lower Level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

De-Deck Our Halls Next Sunday

How beautiful our sacred space has been throughout the holiday season! On January 4, after worship, we will de-deck the halls, take down all our Christmas decorations, and store them for next year. Many hands make for light work, and we have a task for all ages and abilities.

Pancake Breakfast Next Sunday

After we finish putting away our Christmas decorations, we will be treated to a delicious pancake breakfast provided by some of the Kirk men in the lower level. Please join us for fun and fellowship!

Worship with Absolute Word Church!

Due to scheduling, we have moved our combined worship with Absolute Word to **January 11** this year (instead of Dr. King weekend). We will worship at **10:30 a.m.**, sharing music and preaching, and give thanks for our partnership and all God has in store for us. Afterwards, we will share a potluck lunch!

The Kirk's Annual Meeting

On **January 25**, 2026, after worship we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting. At this meeting, we will approve the 2026 budget, elect officers for the coming year to serve on the Kirk Council, and hear a word from our outgoing and incoming Moderators, as well as from our Pastor on the state of the church. The meeting will be in the sanctuary, and everyone will be invited to stay and share a meal!

Time for Our Souper Bowl of Sharing!

Our Faithful Adulting Group will host a Soup Cook-off after the Annual Meeting on Sunday, **January 25!** They will bring soups, and the congregation gets to vote on the best one with dollars or cans of soup, all to be donated to Metro Caring. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay after church to enjoy this fun and important event together. *Tip: Bring a muffin tin for the easiest way to sample all the soups!*

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KIRK OF BONNIE BRAE, UCC

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission: The Kirk of Bonnie Brae UCC is a progressive church rooted in Christianity and welcoming to spiritual seekers from all backgrounds who are pursuing depth in relationship with God, Earth, and a community through engaged faith and social justice.

OPEN & AFFIRMING STATEMENT

Welcome to the Kirk of Bonnie Brae! We believe that all people are children of God and are created in the image of God. We believe that welcoming all people was and is at the heart of the ministry of Jesus. We find joy in being a diverse community of faith, and welcome everyone to join our spiritual journey. We celebrate people ...

of all ages, races, and ethnicities;
of all gender identities and gender expressions;
of all sexual orientations;
of all faith backgrounds and no faith background;
of all viewpoints on the issues impacting our society;
of differing physical and mental abilities;
who are single, married, divorced, separated, widowed or partnered;
who are well-fed or hungry, sheltered or homeless;
who wonder how a congregation could welcome
all of the above.

We welcome and celebrate you!

TO CONTACT THE CHURCH

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