



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community
Be The Church: Love God

9:55 a.m.

November 26, 2017

Welcome! As you arrive, please feel free to light a prayer candle in the chapel area to the right side of the sanctuary. The children will be with us through the baptism then released to their classes. Nursery care is available throughout the service, and there is also a crying room at the back of the sanctuary should your child become inconsolable.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Sylvia Berry, Organist

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 'All Creatures of Our God and King' No. 22

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the name of the One who walked among us

ALL: In the name of the One who taught us to care

One: In the name of the One who loved us to the end

ALL: In the name of the One who reigns forever more,

One: Let us worship Christ the King. Amen.

INTROIT 'Standing in the Light of Love' Russell Robinson

I want to be standing in the light of love from heaven above.

When the storm is raging, when the seas are rough; when you feel that you have had enough. You will feel the sunlight when the clouds do part. You will feel it shine down in your heart.

*Asterisk indicates all who are able may stand

Bold print indicates congregational response

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Cecilia Creedon & Max Flanagan

HYMN

'Jesus Loves Me' (vs 1)

No. 113

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Being baptized today: Alexander Thomas Medas, born July 11, 2017 to Molly Goodale and John Medas.



QUESTIONS FOR BAPTISM

Parents, do you desire to have this child baptized? **We do.**

Do you promise to be Christ's disciple, follow Christ's way, resist evil and oppression, and witness to Christ's work and word? **We do**

Do you as parents, promise to bring this child up in a church of Jesus Christ so that he might some day make a profession of faith and follow in the ways of Jesus Christ? **We do**

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT (*please rise*)

Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to this child about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ? **We do.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

PEOPLE: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ACT OF BAPTISM AND BLESSING

After the baby is baptized, others are invited to come to the fount and bless the baby.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED (*in unison*)

We give you thanks Holy God, mother and father of all the faithful, for Alexander Thomas who is today washed in the water of Baptism. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, value, love, support, nurture and befriend this new member of the body of Christ.

LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

HYMN ‘Jesus Loves Me’ (verses 2 and 3) **No. 113**

*PASSING THE PFACF

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: and also with you

*GLORIA 'My Tribute' No. 39

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things you have done. With his blood Christ has saved me; with your power you have raised me: to God be the glory for the things you have done.

(during the passing of the peace, the children may be excused to their classes)

WITNESS

Katrina Clinton

ANTHEM 'Rejoice, the Lord is King' arr. Larry Shackley
Owen Kidd, trumpet

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come and take His servants up to their eternal home. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice again I say, rejoice! Rejoice!

A READING FROM HEBREW BIBLE

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14

SERMON

Rev. Patricia Hayes

MORNING PRAYERS

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OFFERTORY ‘Praise, Praise from Solomon’ G. F. Handel
arr. Patrick M. Liebergen (1685-1759)

Praise, praise! Let every nation give praise to the Lord, give loud voice the Lord's holy name. Rejoice and be glad for the Lord comes to all. Praise, praise!

Let every nation give thanks to our God, resound joyful praise. The glory and power of God we proclaim and sing with a loud voice the Lord's holy name, and sing with a loud voice the Lord's holy name.

*DOXOLOGY ‘Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow’ No. 50

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN ‘Crown Him with Many Crowns’ No. 234

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

*RESPONSE ‘Standing in the Light of Love’ Russell Robinson

I want to be standing in the light of love from heaven above.

If you're in the valley and you're feeling low, you can look above and see the glow. You will have the power and you'll have the love. You will feel it shine from heaven above.

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the closing music in the fellowship hall on the lower level. If you are visiting with us for the first time, welcome! We invite you to enjoy a free coffee and donut.

Participating in today's service are:

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister

Erin Reardon, Minister of Visitation

Lisa Hulbert, Director of Christian Education

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Organist

David Wilcox, Sign Language

Loren Stott, Sign Language

Liturgical pieces are adapted from *Spill the Beans*, a Scottish worship resource for the Narrative Lectionary.

Upcoming Events:

December 3: At Morning Worship: Advent 1, Honoring Long-Time Members and Communion. After Church: Advent Workshop with lunch at noon.

December 10: At Morning Worship: Advent 2, Baptism, Dedication of Pledges, Reception of New Members and Lessons and Carols. Later in the day: Caroling – sign up at information counter.

December 17: At Morning Worship: Advent 3, Baptism. After Church: Lunch during coffee hour and Concert and Pageant at 1:00.

December 24: At Morning Worship: Advent 4, worship service. Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 7:00 pm.

December 30: Night Before New Year's Eve Party at 6pm – beginning with a potluck supper and ending at 9pm with a sparkling cider toast to the New Year.

December 31: At Morning Worship: Intergenerational service of stories, carols and New Year's goals.

Stewardship Shoutouts are still going on!!

So....who is it in this Beloved Community that exemplifies "Being the Church"? Who goes out of their way with their time and talent to make life better either here at Christ Church or out in the Community? Who volunteers to give rides to Church or Community events? Who shows kindness on Sunday mornings or at other church events?

The Stewardship Committee, as part of the Pledging experience, would like to give a special shout out to these folks that you tell us go the extra mile. There is a colorful basket on the information counter for you to tell us who you think is an example of Being the Church and a brief description of what they do that has touched you.

We will honor these persons during the pledge season. Thanks for your help with this Ministry.



WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM

This week we will be having our all time favorite ~ Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and green beans with a salad bar. Sign up at the information counter. All invited!! Cost \$5.00 or pay what you can.

Advent At
Christ Congregational Church

3 DECEMBER

Advent Workshop
Join us for an afternoon of family fun! Lunch will begin at 12PM and be followed by crafts and activities to kick off the advent season. We will conclude by lighting our Church School Christmas tree.
All are welcome!

Holiday Extravaganza
A fun afternoon combining the classic Christmas pageant with the fun of a holiday concert. The extravaganza will begin at 1PM. We hope you can bring a hat, gloves or a scarf to add to our donation Christmas tree. Rumor has it there will be a special guest from the North Pole.
All are welcome!

17 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Join us on Christmas Eve morning for worship at 9:55AM. There will also be a candlelight service at 7:00PM that evening. Celebrate a season of Hope, Joy, Love and Peace as we prepare for Christmas. All are welcome!

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PRAYER CONCERNS

We pray for those who cannot be with us at church:

Ramona Adler, Jane Benson, Aida Bruns, Lois Cyr, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Mary Geraigery, Janet Hodnett, Ruth Melanson, Mildred Miele, Geneva Prince, Barbara Smith, Don Squires and Viola Szydlowski.

And for those who are ill or need extra prayer:

Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Susan Berry (niece of Ruth Poole), Elaine Botka (aunt of John Hagberg), Richard Bowman, Nancy Campbell (niece of Donna & Alton Hefler), Jean Cappiello, Luke Creedon, Lillie Dias, Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Wayne Ferguson (brother of Brian Young-Ferguson), Nancy Fisher (Gini Hathaway's sister-in-law), Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis' daughter), Gayle Hulbert, Rebecca Lacourse, Wayne and Marilyn Legge, Carl Manoogian (George's son), Nicky McNally (Shirley Strangis' grandson), Kathy North, Joanne Oliveira (stepmom of Deana), Zachary Ponds (Friend of Jan Howard), Michelle Pursell, Fernanda Quimby, Diane Quin (mother of Steve Kivlehan, friend of Loren Stott), Carol Ranney (sister of Fred Hayes), David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), William Rotondi (Uncle of Mary Poole), Danny Ray Simpson (brother-in-law of Barbara Moody), and the families of Rose Lovell (sister-in-law of Audrey Simmons and Delda White (bible study member)

Calling Time for Delda White will be Wednesday the 29th at First Congregational Church, 76 Pierce Street, Stoughton. Visiting at 10am and Service at 11:00am.

For those in the military, especially:

Scott Allen, Kathleen Crooker, Michael J. Harris, Andrew Johnson, Alex (Pasha) Ozelius, Robbie Sinesi, Derek Stanley and Bradford Townsend.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 11/26

9:55am Worship
11:20am Youth Choir
11:20am Youth Ringers

Mon. 11/27

Office Closed

Tue. 11/28

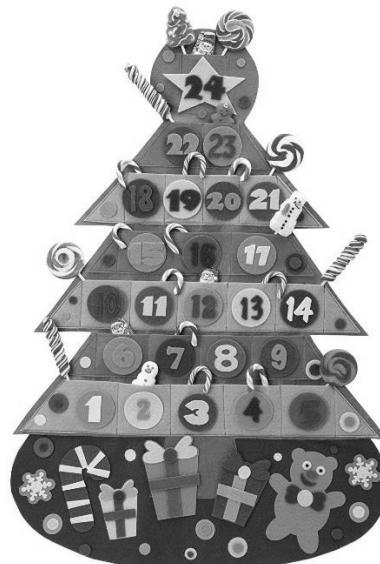
7:00pm Fiber Fellowship

Wed. 11/29

10:00am Bible Study
6:00pm Dinner
6:30pm Adult Bell Ringers
7:15pm Adult Choir

Sun. 12/3

9:55am Worship
11:20am Youth Choir
11:20am Youth Ringers
12:00pm Advent Workshop



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Welcome!