



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

ADVENT 1

9:55 a.m.

December 2, 2018

Welcome to worship! As you settle in for worship, please feel free to light a candle of prayer in the chapel area (*right side of sanctuary*). The children will be with us for the beginning of worship, go to class and return for communion. There is nursery care available throughout the service, and a crying room at the back of the sanctuary for those who become inconsolable.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Sylvia Berry, Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'

No. 119

GATHERING PRAYER

INTROIT

'What Have We Done for the Poor Ones'

Lori True

What have we done for the poor ones, the cold ones, the ones who seek shelter among us, beside us? God's chosen people, blest and holy what have we done for the poor ones here in our midst?

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader 1: We light the first candle of Advent for hope.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

*Asterisk indicates all who are able may stand
Bold print indicates congregational response

*GLORIA

'Prepare the Way of the Lord'

No. 121

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16

PSALM 25: 1-10

ANTHEM

'Christmas Is Coming'

Joel Ramey

Christmas is coming, let the church bells ring! People celebratin' the birth of a King. Shoutin' Hosanna till the heavens ring. Christmas is comin', let the church bells ring! Christmas is comin', Mary's baby boy, bringin' us a message of comfort and joy. Glory hallelujah, what a wonderful thing.

Christmas is comin', let the church bells ring!

Glory filled the heavens. Music filled the night. Shepherds heard the angels sing. Wise men saw the light. Christmas is coming, let the church bells ring!

People celebrating the birth of a King. Shoutin' Hosanna till the heavens ring. Christmas is comin', let the church bells ring.

O come, o come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

Rev. Patricia Hayes

MORNING PRAYER

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 'When the Poor Ones' David M. Cherwien

When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving; when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share; when the wounded offer others strength and healing: We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When compassion gives the suffering consolation; when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost; when we choose love, not the hatred all around us: We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness; when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth; when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble: We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings; when the nations work to change war into peace; when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor: We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

*DOXOLOGY 'Emmanuel, Emmanuel' No. 134

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 'Emmanuel, Emmanuel' No. 134

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

(the children will rejoin us)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God...

Therefore, with all who love and serve you in heaven and on earth, we raise our voices:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has a vocal line with lyrics in Spanish and English, and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also has a vocal line with lyrics in Spanish and English, and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or! heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!"

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(We will come forward to receive communion. Please allow us to place a piece of bread in your hand, eat it, take a little cup of grape juice, drink it, and place the cup on the tray. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. All are welcome to receive communion.)

COMMUNION MUSIC 'Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence'

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood; He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day, Comes the powers of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You have given yourself to us, Lord.

Now we give ourselves to others.

Your love has made us a new people.

As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts.

Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

*HYMN ‘O Come, O Come Emmanuel’ (*verse 1 only*) No. 119

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(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 cup of coffee or tea and a donut, and hope that you will return next week.

Participating in today’s service are:

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Organist

David Wilcox, Sign Language

Loren Stott, Sign Language

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of Shirley L. Jones on her birthday from her husband Larry and family.

THIS AFTERNOON YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ADVENT WORKSHOP.

This is a family event (*and everyone may attend*) where crafts and projects for Christmas are available. There will be a soup luncheon in the upper wing.

**GARY LYON’S Special “Album Launch” Concert @ 2:30pm
TODAY AT CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH!**

As members of the Pilgrim Association, we pray each week for a sister
UCC Congregation. This week, you are invited to pray for:
Union Congregational Church, UCC, East Bridgewater

WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM

This week we will be having Honey Balsamic Glazed Chicken with Roasted Potatoes and a salad bar. Sign up at the information counter. All invited!!
Cost \$5.00 or pay what you can.

POINSETTIA TIME!

Please place your poinsettia order by December 9th. The plants will be on the chancel on December 16th. Order forms are on the information counter and can be submitted to the office.



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Ramona Adler, Jane Benson, Lois Cyr, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Louise Duhamel, Mary Geraigery, Russ Gillpatrick, Janet Hodnett, Ruth Melanson, Mildred Miele, Geneva Prince, Arthur Sawyer, Barbara Smith, and Don Squires.

And for those who are ill or need extra prayer:

Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Jean Cappeillo, Luke Creedon, Dianna Dalida (Denise Cahill's friend), Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Brenda Eckstrom (Janet's niece-in-law), Mary Geraigery, Joanne Gratzner, Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis' daughter), Sona Hoisington (wife of Thomas), Clyde Kidd, Rebecca Lacourse, Linda Madden, Carl Manoogian (George's son), James McGunnigal (Pat Illsley's Father), Nicky McNally (Shirley Strangis' grandson), David Milton, Joyce Morse (Lisa Sparling's Mother), Michelle Pursell, Fernanda Quimby, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), Luane Rich, David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), Poppy (Howard) Sennett, Norm Shippee, Helen Simms (Erin's grandmother), Anna Thomas, Kevin Vogt, and Henry White.

For those in the military, especially:

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 12/2

- 8:00am Adult Bells
- 8:00am Music Committee Meeting
- 9:55am Worship
- Annual Fall Meeting
- 11:30am Junior Ringers
- 11:30am Youth Choir
- 11:45pm Advent Workshop
- 2:30pm Gary Lyon's Christmas Concert

Mon. & Tue. 12/3-12/4

Office Closed

Wed. 12/5

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 12:00pm Young At Heart
- 6:00pm Dinner
- 6:30pm BIC Meeting
- 6:45pm Adult Choir

Thur. 12/6

- 7:00pm Deacons Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm Vitality Committee Meeting

Fri. 12/7

4:30pm Senior & Junior Youth Group To Edaville

Sat. 12/8

9:00am Breakfast & Beliefs

Sun. 12/9

- 8:00am Adult Bells
- 9:55am Worship
- 11:10am Junior Ringers
- 11:30am Youth Choir
- 11:50am Confirmation Class





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