



7:00p.m.

arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Johann Michael Bach (1648-94)

Rev. Patricia Hayes

Luke 2:15-20

CAROL 'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear' vs 1 and 2 No. 153
MESSAGE 'I Really Like Christmas' Rev. Patricia Hayes

ANTHEM 'What Gift Can I Bring' Cristi Cary Miller/Kathlyn Reynolds
Youth Choir, Directed by Lisa Sparling

CHRISTMAS PRAYER Erin Reardon, Minister of Visitation

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OFFERTORY MUSIC 'Gesù Bambino' Pietro
Yon Karl Koza, soloist

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night, was born the
Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light. The angels sang,
the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced, and at His blessed birth the
stars their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore Him.

Again, the with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world its
Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light. Let every voice acclaim His
name, the grateful chorus swell, from paradise to earth He came that we
with Him might dwell.

O come let us adore Him.

*DOXOLOGY

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CAROL 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing' No. 150

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

How amazing is your love, great God!

You are not distant from us

in some faraway heaven;

**you have come close to us in a child born of simple parents
and cradled in a borrowed bed of straw.**

**As this bread is broken and this cup is shared,
pull us closer to your loving heart.**

Teach us new ways of living.

Help us to walk in his great light.

Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RECEIVING AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE

God is with us! May the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you!

*GLORIA

'Gloria in excelsis deo!

From 'Angels We Have Heard on High' No 155

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.**

We praise you, God among us, for on this holy night...

Therefore, with all who love and serve you in heaven and earth, we raise
our voices to sing with the angels:

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

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD, POURING OF THE WINE

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. **AMEN.**
Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.
AMEN.

COMMUNION MUSIC 'Angels We Have Heard On High'

Jr. Ringers

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CAROL

'Go Tell It on the Mountain'

No. 167

SHARING THE LIGHT

CAROL 'Silent Night' No. 145

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 'Joy to the World' No. 143

As you depart, pass the peace of Christ with great joy to those around you!
Merry Christmas!

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

Today's scriptures are from The Inclusive Bible translation. Liturgical bits
are adapted from Spill the Beans

ALTAR FLOWERS this Christmas are given by the Hulbert Family with
prayers for faith, peace, hope and love for all.

WEDNESDAY DINNER: We will not be having dinner on Dec. 27th. Have
a wonderful holiday week. See you at dinner on Jan. 3rd.



Saturday, December 30

6:00 pm Night Before New Year's Eve Potluck and Dance Party

Sunday, December 31

9:55 am Worship Service Ringing in the New Year

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, Russ Gillpatrick, Janet Hodnett, Ruth Melanson, Mildred Miele, Geneva Prince, Barbara Smith, Don Squires, Viola Szydlowski and Burt Tibbetts.

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, Frank DePaola, Lillie Dias, Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Jeanette F., 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, Carol Ranney (sister of Fred Hayes), David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), William Rotondi (Uncle of Mary Poole), Helen Simms (Erin's grandmother), Danny Ray Simpson (brother-in-law of Barbara Moody) and Brad Weatherbee.

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. 12/24

9:55am Worship

7:00pm Candlelight Service

Mon. 12/25

Office Closed

Merry Christmas!

Tue. 12/26

NO Fiber Fellowship

Wed. 12/27

10:00am Bible Study

NO Dinner

Sat. 12/30

6:00pm Night Before New Year's Eve Party

Sun. 12/31

9:55am Worship



SCHOOL OF PROPHETIC ACTION

Beginning January 8th, 2018

Over the next four weeks, training will be offered on **Prophetic Calling: The First Revelation is Internal**. Each week you can attend a training on that week's topic on either **Monday**, **Wednesday**, or **Thursday**. Locations and times for the specific days are listed below.

Training locations & Times

Monday 6-8 pm- Restoration Community Church

758 Crescent St, Brockton, MA 02302

Wednesday 6:30-8 pm- Christ Congregational Church

1350 Pleasant St, Brockton, MA 02301

Thursday 6-8 pm- Central United Methodist Church

65 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA 02301



Message From- Executive Director

"Coming from the tradition of the prophets of old, these are Community Organizing trainings designed to develop leaders in congregations to be prophetic, faith filled, powerful community organizers of their congregation and the community that it serves."

Elder William H. Dickerson

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