



Christ Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Creating Beloved Community

9:55 a.m.

December 30, 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 throughout the service. 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

*HYMN 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' No. 148

1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

3. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee, with love and awe; who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation, Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*Asterisk indicates all who are able may stand

Bold print indicates congregational response

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: How are we to live as God's beloved children?

P: We are to have attitudes and actions of compassion and justice.

L: How are we to live as neighbors with one another?

P: We are to put on the garments of love and peace.

L: Let us come before the Lord in gratitude for all we have been given.

P: Lord, thank you for all you continue to do in our lives. AMEN.

INTROIT

‘What Child Is This’

16th Century English

Melody Nancy Kidd, doublebass and Murray Kidd, tenor

GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(In Unison)*

Lord, it's only a few days after the Christmas celebration and we are exhausted. People have come and gone; gatherings are winding down; we are being reminded of the “normalcy” of life returning to us. We don't want to go there just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the season. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel your warmth in our lives all the time. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter and seem to dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. AMEN.

KYRIE

‘Open My Eyes, That I May See’ verse 1

No. 586

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see; Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***RECEIVING AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

(by handshake, embrace, or with hands folded)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*GLORIA 'Go Tell It On the Mountain' *(all verses)* No. 167

PSALM 148

A READING FROM THE LETTERS OF PAUL Colossians 3:12-17

SPECIAL MUSIC 'I Wonder As I Wander'
Traditional Appalachian Carol
Owen, Eddie, Nancy and Murray Kidd

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:41-52

SERMON Rev. Patricia Hayes

HYMN 'There's a Song in the Air!' No. 159

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 'In the Sea' Jeanine Maddox
Eddie Kidd, xylophone

*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 'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear' No. 153

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(please be seated for the closing music)

CLOSING MUSIC 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime'

French Canadian Melody

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the closing music downstairs in the fellowship hall. 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



TONIGHT!
December 30th
6 - 9 PM
ALL WELCOME!

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

Prayer For The New Year

WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM

This week we will be having 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.

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CHRIST CHURCH PIPE ORGAN SERIES

Midday Music with

Sylvia Berry, Organist

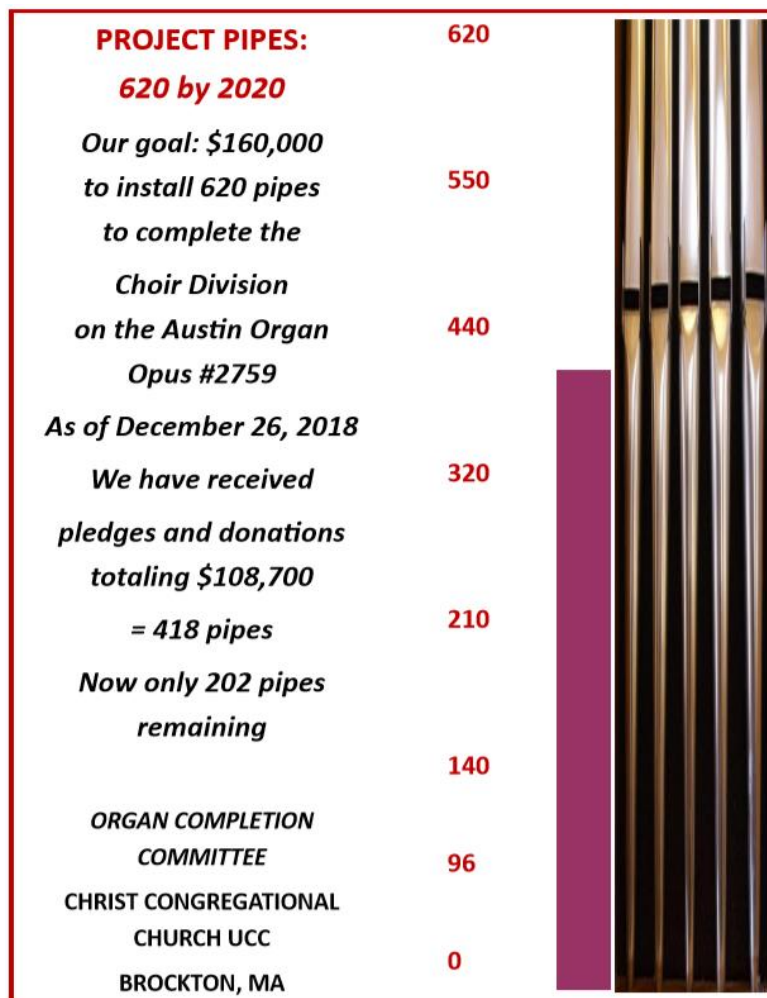
Wednesday January 16th at 12:15 pm

“Winter Wonders”

Save the Date and Bring a Friend! **FREE!**



HAPPY NEW YEAR



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), Millie Bowker (Carol Bradford's mom), Jean Cappeillo, Bill Cockshaw, Luke Creedon, Dianna Dalida (Denise Cahill's friend), Frank DePaola (Denise Cahill's brother-in-law), Bobby Dornan (friend of Janet Hodnett), Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Trudy Duncan, Brenda Eckstrom (Janet's niece-in-law), Marilyn Fairbanks, Mary Geraigery, Joanne Gratzner, Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis' daughter), 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 Purssell, 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, Kari Shaeffer (niece of Luanne Cockshaw), Deborah Shippee (Dawn's sister), Norm Shippee, Anna Thomas, Kevin Vogt, Henry White and the family of Christopher Munsch (Dale's brother).

For those in the military, especially:

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 12/30

9:55am Worship

6:00pm Night Before New Years Eve Party

Mon. 12/31

Office Closed

Tue. 1/1

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New Years Day!

Wed. 1/2

10:00am Bible Study

6:00pm Dinner

6:45pm Adult Choir

8:15pm Music

Committee Meeting

Thur. 1/3

7:00pm Deacons Meeting

Sun. 1/6

8:00am Adult Bell Ringers

9:55am Worship

Vitality Meeting after worship

11:50am Confirmation Class



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