



**Christ Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
***Creating Beloved Community***

9:55 a.m.

December 1, 2019

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 until the passing of the peace, then may go to their classes. They will return for communion. There is nursery care available throughout the service, and a crying room for those who become inconsolable.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Sylvia Berry, Organist

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barry Shelley, Moderator

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'

No. 119

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Hope

Leader: Holy One, the season of hope is upon us:

**All: hope for the future; hope for the promise; hope for all that is to be.**

Leader; Receive our worship this day, and as we light our first candle we pray that we may live and worship you in hope. Amen.

INTROIT

'Christmas Is Coming'

Joel Raney

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!

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

KYRIE

'Prepare the Way of the Lord'

No. 121

\*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.**

*(the children may be excused to their classes)*

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

\*GLORIA 'Prepare the Way of the Lord' No. 121

PSALM 122 Judy Copley

A READING FROM THE LETTERS OF PAUL Romans 13:11-14  
Jeff Illsley

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON Rev. Patricia Hayes

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

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 'Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord' Paul Baloché  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. I want to see you. I want to see you high and lifted up, shining on the light of your glory; pour out your pow'r and love, and we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

\*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 AND DEDICATION OF THE PLEDGES

\*SONG 'Emmanuel, Emmanuel' (*as above*)

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, consisting of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The first system has a bass clef staff below it. The second system also has a bass clef staff below it. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staves.

Chords for the first system: C, G7, Am, F, G, C.

Chords for the second system: F, G7, C, Am, F, G7, C.

Lyrics for the first system:  
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

Lyrics for the second system:  
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 pass the communion plates in the pews. Our table is open to all. Please pass the tray to the center of the pew. The person in the center may take a piece of the bread and dip it in the grape juice. Then take the tray and serve the next person, returning the tray to the deacon. Gluten-free wafers are available in the small dish for those who need them.)*

## COMMUNION MUSIC 'Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent' 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.

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

'Because He Lives'

No. 562

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

*(please be seated for the closing music)*

CLOSING MUSIC

Hungarian Dance No. 5 in G minor.

J. Brahms (1833 - 1897)

Lillian Parrella, organ

*(Lillian is the granddaughter of Dick and Sandra Hill. She resides in New York City)*

**Serving Today:**

- Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister
- Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister
- Murray Kidd, Music Director
- Sylvia Berry, Organist
- David Wilcox, Sign Language
- Loren Stott, Sign Language
- Lisa Landerholm, Hospitality Team Leader

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**WEDNESDAY DINNERS: 6:00PM**

This week we will be having Beef Stew and a Salad Bar. Please sign-up at the information counter. Suggested donation of \$7 - \$10 (family cap \$25), All invited!

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CHRIST CHURCH  
PIPE ORGAN SERIES PRESENTS



MIDDAY MUSIC  
"The Feeling of Christmas"  
Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
12:15 pm  
Brian Edwards,  
Guest Organist

Free event  
Donations Accepted for  
The Organ Fund



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Sunday  
DECEMBER 8 2019  
3:00 pm  
Christ Congregational Church  
1350 Pleasant Street, Brockton

FEATURING:  
Maestro Murray Kidd  
*in his Inaugural Season*  
Music Director and Conductor  
Mr. James Hay  
Accompanist

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## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

Steve & Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Louise Duhamel, Russ Gillpatrick, Janet Hodnett, Edie Liolios, Ruth Melanson, Geneva Prince, Arthur Sawyer, Barbara Smith, and Anna Thomas.

### **And for those who are ill or need extra prayer:**

Kathy Alden, Lindsay Alden, Carol Beffert-Banks, Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Linda Berry (Sylvia's mother), Charley Milley Blankenburg, Bob Brown (Luanne Cockshaw's friend), Carole Clark, Luanne Cockshaw, Luke Creedon, Frank DePaola (Denise Cahill's brother-in-law), Bobby Dornan (friend of Janet Hodnett), Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Edward Francis (friend of Barbara Moody), Lucy Guarnieri (cousin of Elizabeth Vann), Dan Harrigan (Cara's husband), Stephanie Hathaway, Rev. Fred Hayes, Tatum Hayes & Family (Jay Sparling's friends), Dick Hill, Gayle Howard (Matt's cousin), Heidi Kilpatrick (Barbara Moody's friend), Sheila Klecha, Patty Linder (friend of Denise Cahill), Kayleigh Lopez (Lisa Sparling's niece), Carl Manoogian (George's son), Linley Menard, Patricia Merianos (Dot Quimby's daughter), Sandy Peterson Nuzum (friend of Barbara Moody), Jaymie O'Connor (friend of Sarah Sparling), Mary Poole, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), Luane Rich, George Sparling (Jay's cousin), Rich Vick, Henry White, Norma Williams, and Sawyer Young-Ferguson.

### **For those in the military, especially:**

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

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sun. 12/1**

8:00am Adult Ringers  
9:55am Worship - Advent 1  
11:15am Junior Ringers  
11:15am Youth Choir  
11:40am Confirmation Class

**Mon. 12/2**

6:30pm BIC Meeting

**Tue. 12/3**

7:00pm CE Meeting  
7:00pm Missions Meeting  
7:00pm Jubilate Rehearsal

**Wed. 12/4**

10:00am Bible Study  
1:30pm Afternoon Bells  
2:30pm WOVOS  
6:00pm Dinner  
6:45pm Adult Choir

**Thur. 12/5**

7:00pm Deacons Meeting  
7:00pm Vitality Meeting

**Sat. 12/7**

1:00am Jubilate Rehearsal  
6:30pm BIC Fundraiser

**Sun. 12/8**

8:00am Adult Ringers  
9:55am Worship - Advent 2  
11:30am Music Meeting  
11:40Am Confirmation Class  
3:00pm Jubilate Concert



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**Welcome!**