



November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

INTROIT

Like a Child

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We are waiting... in the dark of the year we are waiting.

We are waiting... for the potter to shape our lives.

We are waiting... to see clearly what lies hidden in the darkness.

We are waiting, awake and alert...ready for God to come.

In the darkness a candle is lit. The light comforts our waiting.

The light reminds us of the one who is to come.

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Holy Source of life and hope, as we come together this day, open our ears to hear, open our eyes to see, and open our hearts to love, that we may come to know your ways and follow your paths. Help us grow in love for one another, and for all creation, as we prepare for the coming of the one who calls us to turn from our false gods to you, Holy One, the true source of our salvation. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Opie Family

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13: 24-37

SERMON “Understanding the Signs” Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Suzy Aja Burba

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

HYMN *Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus*

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures, here, below.
Praise Him, above, ye heav’nly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We may not know the day or time of your coming, but we know that it is time to wake from sleep and put on the armor of light. In gratefulness for calling us as your own, we offer you our thanks and praise. Receive the gifts of our hands, and use them to bring light to the darkness and hope to places of despair, through your son Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

HYMN *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

Join us this morning at 11 for a Zoom Coffee Hour. To join, click here:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8549377165?
pwd=QmRBUXh5TTdrV0l6VGovNEZWRFcwUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8549377165?pwd=QmRBUXh5TTdrV0l6VGovNEZWRFcwUT09)

Meeting ID: 854 937 7165 Passcode: FCC1707

Or dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Dial In Meeting ID: 854 937 7165 Dial in passcode: 604514

HYMN SING Next Sunday, December 6th @ 9:30

REQUESTS ARE DUE BY TOMORROW AT NOON.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Orders are due Sunday, December 6th.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

UCC's "God is Still Speaking" Writers Group has published a book of daily devotionals called *Draw Near*. We have many copies available for anyone who wished to receive one. Please let Deb know (call 781-843-3616 or email office@firstchurchbraintree.com) and she will mail one to you.

YOUTH GROUP

High school and middle school meet together over zoom from 1-2:30. Join Zoom Meeting
Check your email for the link.

Meeting ID: 847 2218 1887 Passcode: Elmstorb

DRIVE BY FOOD DRIVE—WED. 12/2 5-7PM

The next contact free food drive is Wednesday, December 2nd from 5-7pm in front of the church.

Thanks to all who donated 15 frozen turkeys, \$100 in gift cards and \$73 to the Marge Crispin Center Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. And many thanks to Mary Iantosca and Suzy Aja Burba for delivering the turkeys and dozens of bags of food donated by students in the Lollipop Tree and Step Ahead preschools.

**FIRST WEDNESDAY
FOOD DRIVE**

Contact <i>Free</i>		Drive & Drop
<i>Donate Non- Perishables</i>	<small>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BRAINTREE</small>	<i>To Help Braintree Residents</i>

THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
5:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.
In front of First Congregational Church
12 Elm Street, Braintree
781-843-3616
www.firstchurchbraintree.com



WELCOME to this Service of Worship at First Congregational Church. Of all the things you could have done this morning, we're glad you chose to be with us.



About Today's Service:

We are live-streaming today's service. We are closely watching the recommendations of the United Church of Christ and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in regards to holding in-person worship service due to the current COVID-19 status in our community. The situation is fluid so please check our webpage to confirm if weekly worship services are in-person or only online.

Subscribe to the First Church YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTaGrBGnYzfM66pS7Bd4PvA>

Prayer Lists are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Non-perishable Food Pantry donations are collected for The Marge Crispin Center on the first Wednesday of the Month in front of the church. Contact free! Just drive by and drop. Or place your donations in the basket in LPH or the Narthex. Thank you!

First Congregational Church is handicapped accessible. Please see an usher if you need assistance with the elevator.

Televised Worship Services are broadcast on BCAM: Verizon Channel 28, Comcast Channel 9, on Saturday at 8:00 AM and Sunday at 10:00 AM.

First Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00am—1:00pm.



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