

December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Once in David's Royal City Still, Still, Still

Coventry Carol **PRELUDE**

Keith Ciccone, Organ Kiyoshi Hayashi, Violin

Rev. Michael Frady WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is here on this night of nights.

Christ is here indeed.

Christ's love binds us together.

Christ's love has bathed us in holy light.

Let's sing with the angels and celebrate with joy.

For Christmas arrives this night.

O, Come All Ye Faithful **CAROL**

Valerie Johnson, Soprano

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

The Hewson Family

CAROL Joy to the World

READING 1

Luke 1:26-38, The Angel Visits Mary

Pastor Suzy Aja Burba

To A Maid Engaged to Joseph

READING 2

Luke 1:39-45, Mary and Elizabeth

CAROL

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

READING 3

Luke 2:1-7, The Birth in Bethlehem

Glenn Holton

Mary's Boy Child

READING 4

Luke 2:8-14, The Shepherds and the Angels

Angels We Have Heard on High

READING 5 Luke 2:15-20, The Shepherds Worship CAROL The First Nowell

READING 6 Matthew 2:1-11, The Gifts of the Magi CAROL What Child is This

READING 7 John 1:1-5, The Word Made Flesh CAROL O Holy Night

Breanna Hewson

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Michael Frady

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Silent Night

Silent Night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright Round you virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Go Tell It on the Mountain



Like the magi, we are called to offer our gifts in adoration of Christ. A Christmas offering to support the life, ministry, and mission of the church may be mailed to First Congregational Church, 12 Elm Street, Braintree, MA 02184



The Christmas Poinsettias which adorn the Sanctuary are given

In honor of Pastor Michael and Pastor Suzy by Susan & Ralph Altmaier
In memory of our loved ones now with God by Craig E. & Marcia G. Barnes
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Carleton F. Barron by Carleton F. Barron, Jr.
In memory of Tom & Mary Stott by the Stott Children

In memory of Grace & Louis Ciccone and Francis & Arthur Mirkin, parents
by Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin

In honor of my daughter, Kristen Elizabeth by Pastor Michael
In honor of my daughter, Rachel Nichole by Pastor Michael
In honor of our grandchildren by Carl & Diane Francis
In memory of Shirley Gallagher by Bob Gallagher

In honor of our amazing Dad, Robert F. Gallagher by Elizabeth Rollo & William Gallagher
In memory of James Galvin by Sally Galvin

In memory of Bert Gietman by Tom King, Mattie Gietman and Thomas King
In memory of Shawn Hewson by Tom King, Mattie Gietman and Thomas King
In loving memory of Ruth & William Hobbs, our parents

Love, Walter, Martha & Bradford
In memory of the Johnson & Lynch families by Kristen Johnson
In memory of Elizabeth N. Pitt and Eli Levin by Donna M. Levine
In loving memory of sister-in-law 'Neta' by Nancy Mills
In memory of family and loved ones by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Millward
In memory of loved ones by Grace Reinelt

In memory of Michael Roffo by Beverly Roffo

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Slauson and Violet Cabral by John & Jeannine Slauson
In memory of Carole F. Sorensen by Leonard Sorensen
In memory of Nancy P. South by her family

In memory of Bob & Marge Downey by Troop 22, Boy Scouts of America
In memory of Edward Wynot by Pauline Wynot & Family
In memory of Robert Wynot by Pauline Wynot & Family





Thank you for viewing 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:

Today's service was recorded on 12/23. We will live-stream the service on Sunday 12/27 at 9:30am. 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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