DECEMBER 6, 2020 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **9:30 A.M.**

PRELUDE *I Wonder as I Wander* ~ J.J. Niles
Keith Ciccone, Piano
Kiyoshi Hayashi, Violin

Jesus Comes ~ S.A. Morris
Valerie Johnson, Soprano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Michael Frady

ANTHEM ***Like a Child*** Valerie Johnson

Dedicated in memory of Jennie & John Bisset, by Don & Noreen Bisset
Given in remembrance of cousin Kristen Alboth Fuller's 10th anniversary
by Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin
In loving memory of Shawn Hewson, from Nancy Mills
Given by Beverly Roffo in remembrance of Marilyn Allen

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

May your earth yield prosperity for everyone, O God.
May the poor be defended, the oppressed delivered.
May enemies live in peace.
May no one hurt or destroy.
May all the world rejoice.
May we be agents of your joy and peace, for this is your mighty vision for our world.
May timid hearts turn bold.
May we believe it can be so.

READING
HYMN ***People Look East*** Valerie Johnson

Given by Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin in memory of our friends and family!
In memory of uncle Paul M. Alboth Jr.'s 35th anniversary,
given by Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin.
Given by Pastor Michael in hope for the future of our church, our nation & our world.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Nancy, Julie & Jessica Mills

READING
HYMN ***O Come All Ye Faithful*** Valerie Johnson

Given by the members of First Congregational Church.in honor of Glenn Holton.
Given in memory of Barbara & Delwyn Barnes by Craig & Marcia Barnes.
Suzy Aja Burba honors the members and friends of First Congregational Church, Braintree.
Given by Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin to honor First Responders,
Physicians, Nurses & Hospital Workers.
Given by Pastor Michael in remembrance of Nancy Benjamin.
Barbara Larsen dedicates this hymn in honor of Pastor Michael Frady & his family.
Given by Betty Rupp in loving memory of her husband, Peter H. Rupp and
their parents, Carl & Margarthe Brockman and Herman & Isabella Rupp.
Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin dedicate this hymn for cousin
Carol Alboth Palmucci's 15th anniversary.

READING
HYMN ***O, Little Town of Bethlehem*** Valerie Johnson

Given by members of First Congregational Church to honor Suzy Aja Burba.
Susan & Ralph Altmaier dedicate this hymn in memory of Sylvia Storrs Welch.
Given by Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin in remembrance of aunt
Irene Mayo Alboth's 10th anniversary,
In honor of Will Opie, given by Bill & Jean Opie.
Given by Beverly Roffo in loving memory of Michael Roffo.

READING
HYMN ***Child of the Poor/ What Child is This?*** Pastor Michael, Baritone
Valerie Johnson, Soprano

Given by Susan & Ralph Altmaier in memory of Alma Fern Stevenson Lynch.
Don & Noreen Bisset dedicate this hymn in memory of Dorothy McGrory.
Given by Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin to honor their friends, Merry Christmas.
Given by in memory of Paul & Jean Francis by Carl & Diane Francis.
With this hymn, Phyllis & Harvey Lyons honor their children,
grandchildren and "the greats."
Given by Nancy Mills in loving memory of Monetha Wylene Dye.
Bill & Jean Opie dedicate this hymn in memory of Jean's Godmother, Mary.
This hymn is in memory of Edward & Robert Wynot, given by Pauline Wynot & family.

READING
HYMN ***Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*** Glenn Holton, Baritone

Given by members of First Congregational Church to honor Keith Ciccone.
Craig & Marcia Barnes dedicate this hymn in memory of James Lynch.
Given by Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin in honor of Pastor Michael & Pastor Suzy.
In memory of James Galvin, given by Sally Galvin.
In honor of Glenn Holton and the Team that makes YouTube services
possible during COVID, given by Barbara Larsen.
Given by Donna M. Levine in memory of Elizabeth N. Pitt.
Joan O'Leary dedicates this hymn in memory of John Devlin.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

READING
HYMN ***Angles We Have Heard on High*** Valerie Johnson

Given by members of First Congregational Church to honor Valerie Johnson.
Given by Craig & Marcia Barnes in memory of Norman & Glendolyn Magowan.
In memory of Grampa Joseph Thomas Amaral, given by Suzy Aja Burba.
Given by Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin to honor Kiyoshi Hayashi for his gift of music.
Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin dedicate this hymn to Keith's mother,
Grace Alboth Ciccone, in remembrance of her 20th anniversary.
In memory of Joseph & Helen St. Cyr, given by Carl & Diane Francis.
With this hymn, Sally Galvin honors Susan Leonard.
Given in loving memory of Ruth & William Hobbs
Love, Walter, Martha and Bradford Hobbs.
Given by Barbara Larsen in honor of her children—David Larsen & family
and Elizabeth Taylor & family.
In memory of Eli Levine, given by Donna M. Levine.
In loving memory of parents Natalie & Cliff Bates, given by Nancy Mills.
Given by Nancy Mills in loving memory of "Pretty Priscilla" Almquist.
This hymn is in memory of Statia, given by Joan O'Leary.
Pauline Wynot & family dedicate this hymn in memory of Edward & Robert Wynot.

READING
HYMN ***Away in A Manger*** Valerie Johnson

Given by Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin in memory of Cheryl Mirkin Grabowski, sister
and Robert Grabowski, brother-in-law.
In memory of Estelle MacDonald, given by Pastor Michael.
Given by Barbara Larsen to honor Pastor Suzy Aja Burba and the cat Socrates.
Given by Deb McMartin, in memory of Arthur C. Gillis, Jr.
With this hymn, Bill & Jean Opie honor Elijah.

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**

Thank you, God, for the privilege of sharing your bounty with those in need. Thank you for prospering our work and witness. We seek to walk in your light and follow the pathways where you lead. We want to share the good news of salvation through these gifts and by the way we live. May all your people be made ready for Christ's coming. Amen

READING
HYMN ***Silent Night*** Valerie Johnson

Given by Susan & Ralph Altmaier in memory of Mary Van Dyke Shaw Lynch.
Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin dedicate this hymn in memory of their parents,
Grace & Louis Ciccone and Frances & Arthur Mirkin.
Given by Pastor Michael in memory of Jim Lynch.
Given by Bob Gallagher in memory of his loving wife, Shirley E. Gallagher.
Tom King, Mattie Gietman & Thomas King dedicate this hymn
in memory of Bert Gietman and Shawn Hewson.
Given by Barbara Larsen in memory of her husband, Dana Larsen.
In memory of Norma Adams, sister, given by Phyllis & Harvey Lyons.
In loving memory of friend, Elaine "Mimau" Brooks, given by Nancy Mills.
In loving memory of Maura Tierney, given by her daughter, Maureen.

READING
HYMN ***Joy to the World*** Pastor Michael

Given by members of First Congregational Church to honor Rev. Michael Frady.
In memory of Dr. Herbert Lewis Lynch, given by Susan & Ralph Altmaier.
Given by Keith Ciccone & Richard Mirkin to honor FCC Choir and Valerie Johnson, soprano.
Given by Bob Gallagher in memory of his loving mother, Lydia M. Gallagher
In memory of Richard Hewson, given by Tom King, Mattie Gietman & Thomas King.
Given by Bill & Jean Opie in memory of Barbara Opie.
Beverly Roffo dedicates this hymn in memory of Donata DiBona.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Estrellita* ~ Manuel Ponce
Kiyoshi Hayashi, Violin

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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