

# Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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*"We are a Christian community of people who are reaching out to our neighbors,  
at home and abroad, sharing our faith and our resources."*

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

*We are delighted to have you in Worship today!*

In our church, no matter who you are  
or where you are on life's journey,  
**you are welcome here!**

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All the People!

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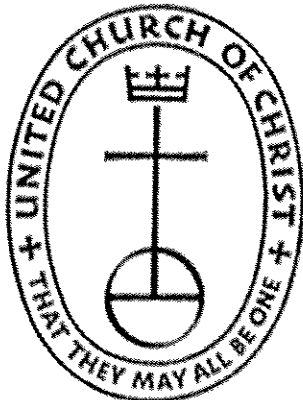
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Rich Sullivan




**SPECIAL GUESTS:**

**Nora Anne Watson, Soprano**  
**Bob Richards, Vocalist and Pianist**

 **PROCESSIONAL:**     *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*     Larry Dalton

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP**

 **CHORAL INTROIT:**     *“We Would Ever Be More Faithful”* (choir only)


 **\*CALL TO WORSHIP FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

 **\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION & CONFESSION**

Gracious and Ever-Present God,  
In this season as the days grow shorter and the shadows lengthen,  
we gather in eager expectation for the Light of the World to dawn.  
Help us, God, to lay aside all the works of night  
and even our cynicism as we enter this sacred season.  
During this hour of worship, send your Spirit to empower us  
to live in the light with hope.  
Holy God, you come  
to make yourself known to us in loving relationship.  
You come with a message of peace and comfort  
for those who are hurting and those who are tired.  
As you did centuries ago, be with us again today  
as we seek to learn from you and from one another.  
God of mercy, God of grace, we give thanks to you  
with one voice for the joy and hope this season brings.  
At times we find ourselves distracted  
by all the preparations and stresses that surround us.  
Help us to focus on you, our Rock and Redeemer.  
Restore our hearts to your message of love and your call to peace.  
Be with us as we offer you the silent confessions of our hearts...

 **MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION...**

 **ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

 **\*OPENING HYMN #116**     *“O Come Emmanuel”*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: The Candle of Hope

Leader: We remind ourselves of God's ancient promises:  
Justice is coming! Love is on the way!  
Lift up your heads and watch for the signs! *(Luke 21: 28, paraphrase)*

Let us light this first candle of Advent, a candle of Hope.  
In its light, let us think about what signs we are seeing  
of God at work in our lives and in our world right now.

Let this candle of Advent Hope shine in our hearts all week  
And remind us to lift up our heads and open our eyes  
to watch all around us for signs of the Holy One.

### Prayer for the Lighting of the Candle of Hope

All: Holy God, As we begin our Advent pilgrimage,  
grant us the courage to hope.  
Hope for your presence, hope for your peace,  
hope for your promise. Amen



**Kyrie for the Season of Advent Candle:** *"The Candle of Hope"*  
(see attached)

*...Children are invited to Fellowship Hall for an Advent Lesson...*



**\*MUSICAL MEDITATION:**

*"Before the Throne of God Above"*  
by Charitie Bancroft



**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 25 (Pew Bible pg. 410)



**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 21:25-36 (Pew Bible pg. 856-857)



**SERMON**



**\*MUSICAL MEDITATION:** *"Bless This House"* Mary Brahe



**PRAYERS**


**Moment for Meditation and Reflection**  
**Prayer for All People**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*


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## 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.*

 \*CLOSING HYMN #112      *"Keep Awake, Be Always Ready"*

 \*BENEDICTION:

 POSTLUDE:                      *"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"*  
by John Carter



## SPECIAL NOTICE

Please note that next **Sunday, December 5th** is **Christmas on the Common** here in Bridgewater. There are a few logistical issues to keep in mind if you are planning to attend worship service in person that day:

- Parking in front of the Church along the Common will NOT be available.
- The street in front of the Church on our side of the Common will be closed entirely starting about 10:30 a.m.
- There may be more cars than usual parked along Church Street.
- The event opens at 12:00 noon, and our crafter's and jewelry tables will be set up in Fellowship Hall for sales, so be sure to stop by and do some holiday shopping!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday, December 1st** - Women's Guild & Fellowship Christmas Communion Service  
at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Communion Sunday, December 5th** - Christmas on the Common from 1:00-4:00 p.m.;  
Communion Sunday, Second Sunday in Advent

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Trustees Meeting

**Saturday, December 11th** - Advent Book Study at 10 a.m. "Dusk Night Dawn" by Anne Lamott

**Sunday, December 12th** - Annual Christmas Pageant "Don't Freak Out"

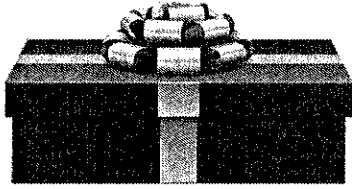
**Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly Cabinet Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 19th** – Cantata Service & Christmas Fund Offering

**Friday, December 24th** - Christmas Eve Service of Story and Song – 5:00 p.m.  
Traditional Candlelight Service @ 10:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 26th** - Hymn Sing Sunday

## GIFT BOXES FOR OUR MILITARY TROOPS



Listed below are the items needed to fill the gift boxes for our military troops.

Please bring any items and drop your donations off in the designated boxes located in both the Narthex and near the Church Office during regular office hours.

**The items will be boxed and readied for mailing after the worship service on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Flavor packets for water  
Men's deodorant  
Toothpaste and brushes  
Black ball-point pens (NOT GEL)  
Chapstick  
Coffee (ground)  
Sugar  
Women's hygiene products  
Baby wipes  
Laundry pods and dryer sheets  
socks  
gum,  
cocoa packets  
beef jerky  
slim Jims  
health bars  
wash cloths  
pillow cases  
decks of cards  
nuts  
sunflower seeds  
Q-tips  
word find and crossword books  
AA and AAA batteries.

## WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The CSCC-UCC Outreach Committee will be accepting donations of new and used winter clothing **through December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Items needed include: winter jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, socks, hats, scarves and gloves. Donations can be dropped off in the area just outside the Church Office.





# Advent & Christmas at CSCC

**Join us for Advent Worship**

Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec. 19  
10am

**Christmas Eve Worship**

Dec. 24  
5pm & 10pm

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- DAY 1 - John 1:1-5
- DAY 2 - Jeremiah 33:14-16
- DAY 3 - Luke 1:5-10
- DAY 4 - Luke 1:11-17
- DAY 5 - Luke 1:18-25
- DAY 6 - Luke 1:26-38
- DAY 7 - Matthew 1:18-21
- DAY 8 - Matthew 1:22-25
- DAY 9 - Isaiah 7:14
- DAY 10 - Luke 1:39-45
- DAY 11 - Luke 1:46-56
- DAY 12 - Luke 1:68-79
- DAY 13 - Luke 2:1-5
- DAY 14 - Luke 2:6-7
- DAY 15 - Luke 2:8-12
- DAY 16 - Luke 2:13-14
- DAY 17 - Luke 2:15-18
- DAY 18 - Luke 2:19-20
- DAY 19 - Matthew 2:1-2
- DAY 20 - Matthew 2:3-6
- DAY 21 - Matthew 2:7-8
- DAY 22 - Matthew 2:9-12
- DAY 23 - Galatians 4:4-7
- DAY 24 - Isaiah 9:6-7
- DAY 25 - John 1:14

# Today in Worship

today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Write or draw your responses during the service,  
then tell someone about it later!

Today's Bible lesson is from: \_\_\_\_\_

(Book) \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapter/Verses) \_\_\_\_\_

This is about (or made me think about) \_\_\_\_\_

During the service I wondered about...

Something I heard  
or learned  
about God today is...

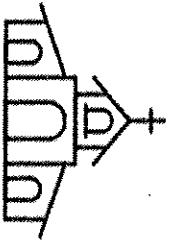
My favorite song from today was: \_\_\_\_\_

because...

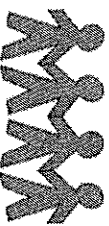


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Words or ideas that  
I didn't understand are...



One thing I'll remember  
from today's service is...







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*Do you need a meal, a call, spiritual care,  
or even just a prayer?*

Contact the Office, a Deacon, or a member  
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## Contributions Welcomed!

During this time, we encourage you to continue your support of CSCC, to the degree you are able. We know this may be a trying time for many financially as well as emotionally, so please know that we understand if you are not able to meet your usual giving goals. But for those who can, remember the church has ongoing expenses that need to be attended to.

Offerings can be made in any of the following ways: \* Checks can be mailed to the church (71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324) \* Bill-pay through your bank can be set-up for one-time or recurring payments. \* Payments can be made via the PayPal link at the top of our website home page at: [www.cscucc.org](http://www.cscucc.org).

If you have any questions, you can e-mail the Treasurer directly and in confidence at: [treasurer@cscucc.com](mailto:treasurer@cscucc.com) or call the Church Office at 508-697-6016.

# We Would Ever Be More Faithful

PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7.

French Carol

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
As we grieve and mourn this day,  
Gasping in the face of violence,  
Lives and trust all torn away;  
We would ever be more faithful,  
Seeking peace from you, we pray.

2. Guns that still sow dread and terror,  
Making tears for those who are lost,  
Have the power to lead us to error,  
Tolerance for others the cost;  
We would ever be more faithful,  
Never sunk, although we be tossed.

3. In the midst of fear and foreboding,  
Christ, your way still lives herein,  
Keep the love we've known from eroding,  
Reign o'er us, and draw us in;  
We would ever be more faithful,  
Loving all, again, we begin.

Scott L. Barton

# The Candle of Hope

1 The can - dle of hope we light in this hour  
 2 The can - dle of peace shines bright with God's plan;  
 3 The can - dle of joy re - minds us to sing,  
 4 The can - dle of love tells what we are worth:  
 5 The Christ can - dle's light that shines for us here

pro - claims that the Lord is com - ing in power,  
 the wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb,  
 for God is at work to do a new thing.  
 God loves us so much, God came to the earth!  
 tells out the good news that God has come near!

We wait for a fu - ture, now hid - den from view,  
 Our guns and our wea - pons, our ha - tred and war,  
 The proud will be hum - bled; the low - ly will rise,  
 An an - gel brought news of a child who would be  
 God came, a poor ba - by, in one time and place,

when Christ in his glo - ry will make all things new.  
 will give way to gar - dens that heal and re - store.  
 God's king - dom is one of de - light and sur - prise.  
 the one who would save us and set us all free.  
 to show all cre - a - tion the wealth of God's grace.

Biblical References: Hope: Matt. 24:36-44, Mark 13:24-37; Peace: Isa. 11:1-10, Luke 1:68-79, Isa. 2:4; Joy: Luke 1:46b-55;  
 Love: John 3:16-17, Luke 1:26-38, Matt. 1:18-25; Christ: Luke 2:1-20, John 1:1-14, Titus 3:4-7  
 Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11 ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"); Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784.  
 Alternate Tune: HANOVER ("Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"); attr. William Croft, 1708.  
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