

# 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."*

**Friday, December 24, 2021  
10:00 p.m.**

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

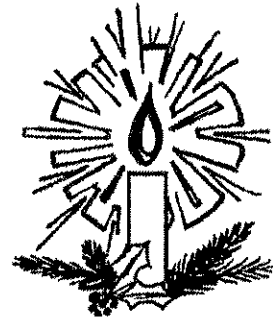
In our church, no matter who you are  
or where you are on life's journey,  
**you are welcome here!**

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## CHRISTMAS EVE



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All the People!

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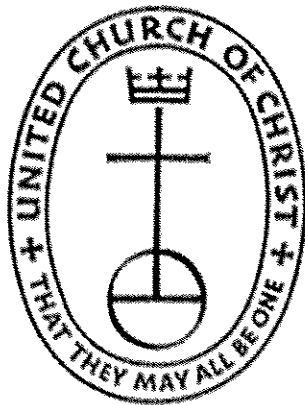
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# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**Guest Artist: Cameron Shave**

PRELUDE

*"Still, Still, Still"*

by Lloyd Larson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

INTROIT

*"I Wonder As I Wander"*

by John Jacob Niles

**CALL TO WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

One: Come, all who are faithful and all who seek joy in your lives.

**All: It is the season to sing praises to God for the Christ Child is near.**

One: The symbols of hope, peace, joy, and love shine brightly in our hearts.

**All: May they remain with us throughout the year.**

One: We now share a promise that was fulfilled by God:

**All: That our beloved Child is born and will call us to new lives of love, joy, and faith in action! Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:**

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

*Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Gracious, loving and merciful God, on this Christmas Eve,  
as the light of your Word penetrates our hearts,  
as we are reminded of the gift of life and faith,  
as the glories of the heavenly hosts are echoed in our church,  
we open ourselves up to your Spirit and give you thanks.  
We are grateful that your story has become our story,  
and we celebrate the sacred birth story.  
We take to heart the wonder of your love,  
and pray that we may walk in your ways and delight in your will.  
Help us, Loving God, to be the faithful, gracious,  
loving, giving and forgiving people you would have us be.  
Be with us in our worship this night  
and fill us with the same awe from this same night, so long ago. Amen.

**MUSICAL OFFERING:** "Grown-Up Christmas List"

by David Foster

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**PRAYER**

**HYMN:** "O Holy Night"

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;  
Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!*

*Truly he taught us to love one another,  
His law is love, and His gospel is peace;  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name;  
Christ, is the Lord, Oh, praise His name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
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**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 2:1-20

**MEDITATION**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION:**

Cameron Shave

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**Advent Wreath Lighting Song** (verse 5)

*The Christ candle's light that shines for us here  
Tells out the good news that God has come near!  
God came, a poor baby, in one time and place,  
To show all creation the wealth of God's grace.*

**PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE ON CHRISTMAS**

**ANTHEM:** "On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

arr. Gustav Holst

**SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**CLOSING HYMN:**           *“Silent Night”*

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright,  
round yon 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:**

One: Glory to God in the highest! Jesus is born!

**All: God has come to us and shared our common lot,  
And so we rejoice!**

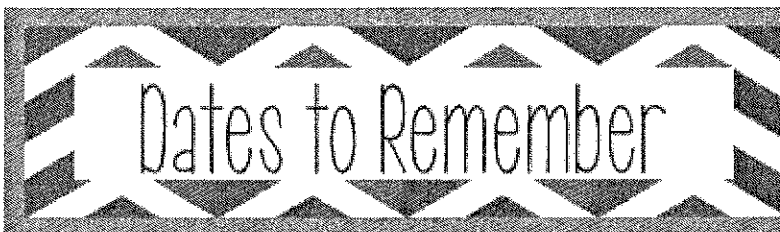
One: Go forth rejoicing in the love of God, the peace of Christ,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**POSTLUDE**

*“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”*

by John Carter



**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Hymn Sing Sunday

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Special Music Sunday

“A Year of Jubilee” with Julia Scott Carey

**Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Epiphany and Communion Sunday

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monthly newsletter, “Steeple Sounds**

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*Do you need a meal, a call, spiritual care, or even just a prayer?  
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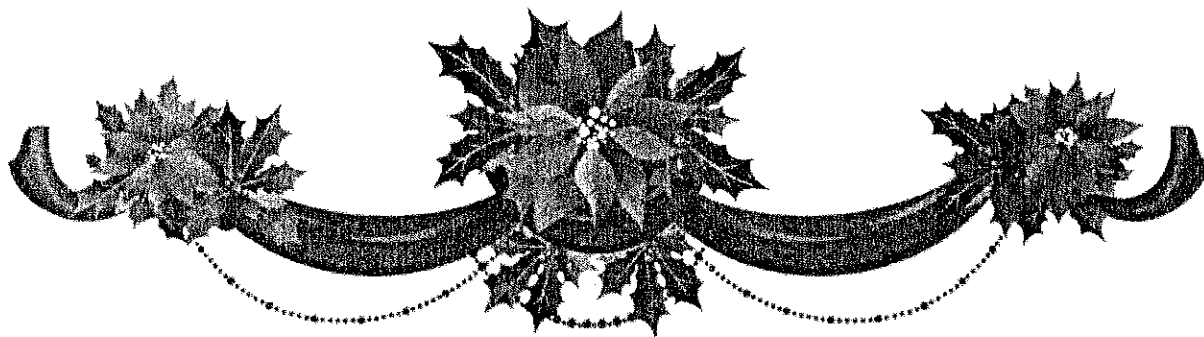
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## **End-of-Year Giving**

We encourage you to continue your support of CSCC, to the degree you are able.

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 ([www.cscucc.org](http://www.cscucc.org)).



## *Christmas Poinsettia Memorial List*

*On Christmas Eve, you may take home your poinsettia  
at the end of the worship service that you attend.*

**Given by:**

Rachel Lawson  
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Dave and Diane Sheibley  
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Beth Sheibley & Michelle Brokmeier  
Michelle Brokmeier & Beth Sheibley  
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Gail Wright  
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Denise Molinari  
Bill & Terry Reynolds

**In Loving Memory of/In Honor of:**

Brad Lawson, John Lopez  
Greta Holmberg & Janice Lawson  
John Lopes  
Susan Wershing  
Amber & Tom Sheibley  
Grandparents of Rebecca and Ben Sheibley – Ed and Beverly Healy  
The parents of Michele Brokmeier - William F. & Joan A. Brokmeier  
Mom & Dad  
Jon Lybarger & Julie Lybarger  
Joseph & Mabel Filipek  
Chester & Mary Chandler  
Kelli & Molly  
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