



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, December 5, 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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SPECIAL GUEST: CAMERON SHAVE

*Cameron will provide a special service of “Beloved Christmas Carols
and Improvised Musical Offerings on the Trumpet.”*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE

 **PRELUDE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **INTROIT**



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

(Inspired by Matthew 3:1-12, Romans 15:7)

One: The Reign of God is drawing near:

All: The prophet calls us to change our lives!

One: Prepare the way:

All: A just and peaceful path!

One: Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you:

All: For the glory of God!



***PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

(inspired by Luke 3, Isaiah 40, Malachi 3, John 1, Mark 1)

One: Holy God, We long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you and welcome you in. Meet us here this day. Fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all.

All: God of Grace, you blow the breath of life into our lungs, you have formed us in your image. And yet we acknowledge that sometimes we are not who you would have us be.

One: You challenge us to embrace the refining fire of your love, to meet you on the threshing floor of life, to be washed as with fuller's soap.

All: But in our heart of hearts we struggle to live up to the challenge.

One: Through your Grace, life-giving God, accept us as we are, And help us to move into a new way of being.

We give you our whole selves
as we join our hearts in confession...



***MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION....**

**Please stand if you are able.*

This Order of Worship is subject to change under the guidance of the Holy Spirit."



*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE



OPENING HYMN #116:

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: The Candle of Peace



Prayer for the Lighting of the Candle of Hope

One: Gracious God, we dream your dream, of a world at peace where enemies are reconciled, and children play in safety; where the poor and powerless find justice.

We remember your promise of a Ruler of Peace, filled with the Spirit of God, of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of justice and faithfulness.

As we light this Advent candle, and we pray:

All: Jesus, Open our lives to the Peace which you bring; let us turn to you, and get ready! Amen.



SCRIPTURE READING: Malachi 3:1-4 (Pew Bible Pg. 778)



GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:1-6 (Pew Bible Pg. 834)



MUSICAL MEDITATION



SERMON



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PRAYERS

Moment for Meditation and Reflection

Prayer for All People *(inspired by Luke 1:39-45, Amos 5:24, Isaiah 57:7)*

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.



SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation
Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration
Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving



CLOSING HYMN #125:

“Angels We Have Heard on High”



BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Poinsettias for the Altar
\$10 each Due date for ordering: Dec. 19

Poinsettias will once again be sold to decorate the altar and honor loved ones.

Visit www.cscucc.org/christmas for more info or to order, or speak to a member of the History & Memorials Committee after Sunday service on Dec. 5, 12, or 19.

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Tuesday, December 7th - Outreach Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8th - Trustees Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11th - Advent Book Study @ 9:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room to discuss "Dusk, Night, Dawn" by Anne Lamott

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

Wednesday, December 15th - Cabinet Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 19th - Christmas Fund Offering, "The Lady of the Inn" Christmas Opera in One Act during the worship service

Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Service - Story and Song service at 5:00 p.m. and the Traditional Candlelight Service at 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 26th - Hymn Sing Sunday

200th ANNIVERSARY MUGS

Anyone who is interested in purchasing a 200th Anniversary Commemorative Mug, they are now on sale for \$10.00 each!

Stop by the Church Office and purchase your mug while supplies last!! Due to popular demand, a second mug order has arrived and mugs are now available for purchase after Sunday worship services during the month of December. Stop by the Church Office to purchase a mug while they last or contact Deborah Lancaster, Congregational Administrator at: office@cscucc.com to place your mug order.



A reminder that the Central Square Church Office will be closed beginning on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th through New Year's Eve on Friday, December 31st.

The Church Office will re-open on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and remain open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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)...

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

My favorite song from today was:

because...



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

During the service I wondered about...



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





To contact Rev. Beth,
please call the Church Office at
508-697-6016
or e-mail her at:
csccpastor@hotmail.com.

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

Contact the Office, a Deacon, or a member
of our Care Team by emailing:
office@cscucc.com

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Deb Sorgman – debsorgman@gmail.com

CSCC Care Team

Carol Chaffee

Phoebe Hogg

Bev Mitchell

John Scott

Rev. Beth Stotts

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 you 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.

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