



Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

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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.”*

*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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December 26th, 2021 – 10:00 AM

**CHRISTMAS
HYMN SING
SUNDAY**

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]

Call To Worship (Adapted from Isaiah 9:2; 6-7a)

One: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those
living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

**All: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the
government will be on his shoulders.**

One: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**All: Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom establishing
and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on
and forever.**

Opening Prayer

It may seem naive, in a world of grief,
to choose to live in joy;

It may seem foolish, in a world where solemnity is power,
to sing and dance to a different tune;

It may seem cruel, in a world of suffering and injustice,
to speak of light and celebration;

But you have come, Jesus, to bring joy into our grief,
light into our darkness, singing into our mourning
and it is an act of healing and proclamation
to believe and embrace the joy you offer.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Amen.

Hymn: Joy to the World!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies
With th' angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark, the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of peace, Hail! the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the some of earth, Born to give them second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King

Hymn: The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

[Refrain]

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song? [Refrain]

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King and peace to all the earth.

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18

Hymn: It Came upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they
come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Hymn: Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, o crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus, lay down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky, looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay,
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:7-15

Hymn: Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching, O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens, There shone a Holy light

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born

The shepherds feared and trembled, When, lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus, That hailed our Savior's birth

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born

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 appear'd 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
Oh night divine, Oh night when Christ was born
Oh night divine, Oh 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

Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine, Oh night when Christ was born
Oh night divine, Oh night divine

A Time for Holding Each Other's Prayers

*(You may come forward and light a candle
sharing your prayer aloud or simply hold it in your heart.)*

Prayer for All People

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.*

Hymn: What Child Is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own him
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary

Closing Prayer

Benediction

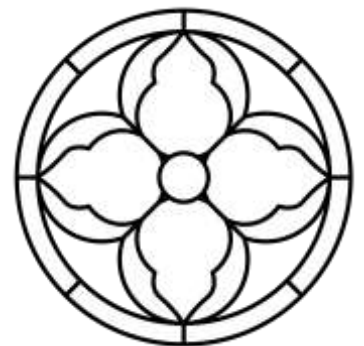
UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 2nd

Special Music Sunday “A Year of Jubilee” with Julia Scott Carey

Sunday, January 9th

Epiphany and Communion Sunday



Do you need a meal, a call, spiritual care, or someone to pray with?

Contact the Office, a Deacon, or a member of our Care Team.

To contact Rev. Beth, call the church office at 508-697-6016 or email her at csccpastor@hotmail.com.

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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).

If you have any questions, you can email the Treasurer directly and confidentially at treasurer@cscucc.com or call the church office at 508-697-6016.