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on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

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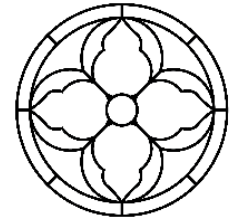
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## Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

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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."*



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## First Sunday of Advent



## Sunday, November 27, 2022

Special Guest Artist  
Justus Ross, Violin

Please Note: This service is subject to change by the guidance of the Holy Spirit

\* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.

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**Prelude**            *"O Come O Come Emmanuel"*            Gregory Hamilton

## Welcome and Announcements

**Invitation to Fellowship** (If you are new or visiting, please include your address, phone number, and e-mail address when you sign the fellowship pad at the end of the pew so that we may properly welcome you to our community.)

**Introit**            *"The Angel Gabriel"*            Lisa Stafford

## \*Call to Worship

One: In Advent we watch and wait,

**All: and prepare to welcome the Christ Child into the world**

One: In Advent we prepare for a life of discipleship,

**All: and watch faithfully for signs of God's light breaking into the world**

One: As we wait, we watch for signs of your action in the world,

**All: Actions of compassion and grace breaking in.**

One: Holy God, we recognize that we do not know the day or the hour, but we know that the day is near.

**All: Come, Jesus, come! Be born anew in our world and in our lives.**

## \*Prayer of Invocation

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 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. Amen

**\*Opening Hymn #101:**            *"Comfort, Comfort O My People"*

## Lighting the Advent Wreath: The Candle of Hope

**Sung Response** *"The Candle of Hope"* (to the tune of #26, We Worship you, God)

The candle of hope we light in this hour

Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.

We wait for a future, now hidden from view,

When Christ in his glory will make all things new.

## Prayer on Hope Sunday & Assurance of Grace

### \*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise God all creatures here below*

*Praise God for all that Love has done*

*Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.*

### Moment For All Ages

**Musical Offering:**            *"Celtic Carol"*            Lindsey Stirling

**Scripture Reading:**            Isaiah 64: 1-2, 6-7            p.606

**Gospel Reading:**            Matthew 24:36-44            p.806

### \*Gloria Patri

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.*

*World without end, Amen. Amen.*

### Sermon

**\*Hymn #102:**            *"O How Shall I Receive You"*

### Prayers

**Celebrations and Concerns** (Conclude your prayer with the words

*"This is my prayer." Congregation responds, "This is our prayer".)*

### Moment for Meditation

**The Lord's Prayer** (Please use the wording that is most meaningful for you.)

*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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**\*Prayer Response**            *"Adoration"*            Florence B Price

**\*Closing Hymn #103:**            *"Watcher, Tell Us of the Night"*

### \*Benediction

**Postlude:**            *"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"*            Larry Shackley

## Mustard Seeds

### Prayer List of the People For the week of November 27, 2022

Please note: Prayer requests should be submitted by calling the Church Office at: (508) 697-6016 or by e-mail to: [office@cscucc.com](mailto:office@cscucc.com).

- Prayers for the Reardon family (Gail Wright's son-in-law) on the loss of their mother, Kathy, after an 11-year battle with cancer. (11/20)
- Prayers for Connie Chandler's friend, Larry, who is in the hospital with complications from surgery. (11/20)
- Prayers of celebration for the generosity of our congregation and the community for yesterday's food pantry sorting event and all of the food donations. (11/20)
- Prayers for Mary Barnsley's friend's mother, Robin, who is fighting brain cancer.
- Prayers for Patti Langevin, and the Langevin and Shave families. Patti had a bad fall, has 5 broken ribs, and a collapsed lung. She is now home from the hospital to recover. (11/20)
- Prayers for Kimberly Davis who is recovering from surgery. (11/17)
- Prayers of healing for Rachel Lawson's brother Rubin, who is going through a heart procedure, and his wife Chris' family as well.
- Prayers for the family of Doug Anderson, formerly of the Bridgewater area and now living in Wisconsin. His grandson, James, has been diagnosed with neuroblastoma of the spine, and the cancer has metastasized. (11/13)
- Continued prayers of healing and support for Mike Bundock as he begins a new, intensive round of treatment for brain cancer. (11/6)
- Prayers of understanding and acceptance for the family of Natalie Mosher's girlfriend, Jiseon. They have not been accepting of who she is and her relationship with Natalie. Prayers of love as well for Natalie and Jiseon.
- Prayers for friend Bonnie, who is struggling with stomach cancer and not doing well. (10/23)
- Prayers for Mark Sorgman's Dad, Norm Sorgman, who is 92 and has been in the hospital for a couple of weeks, gaining strength to be transferred and have the surgery he needs. (10/16)
- Healing prayers for Diane & Peter Glass' great nephew Ben, who is in the hospital and having a difficult time after losing his Uncle Jordan recently. Continued prayers also for the family after the sudden loss of Diane & Peter's nephew Jordan Elliott. (10/16)
- Prayers for members of Gloria Weinrebe's family who have experienced the passing of a family member; whose son was in a motorcycle accident; whose daughter-in-law has medical concerns that are keeping her from working; and for other family members facing medical issues. (9/25)
- Prayers for Gordon Brailsford's sister-in-law Ellie who suffered a stroke. (9/25)
- Celebrations for Tami Kurahara's medical good news, and continued prayers for her on her health journey. (8/28)

**Continued prayers for all veterans and those serving on active duty in the military both in the United States and abroad.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER



**Sunday, November 27**

**Lighting of the Common 5pm**  
(Bridgewater Common)

**Tuesday, November 29**

**Grief Care Circle 10am**  
(Fireplace Room)

**Thursday, December 1**

**Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm**

**Friday, December 2**

**Grinch, Pizza, Popcorn and PJs 6pm**  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, December 4**

**Breakfast 9:00 am**  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, December 4**

**Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:15am**  
(Sanctuary)

**Sunday, December 4**

**Communion Worship 10am**  
(Sanctuary)

**Sunday, December 4**

**Christmas on the Common 12pm - 4pm**  
(Bridgewater Common & CSCC)

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