

*Closing Hymn #108: "Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old"

Benediction

Musical Benediction: "May the Peace of God" Stuart Townsend

Postlude: "Venus, the Bringer of Peace" from 'The Planets' Gustav Holst

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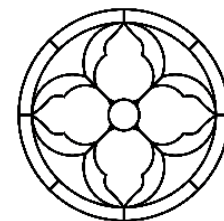
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*"We are a Christian Community of people
who are reaching out to our neighbors,
at home and abroad,
sharing our faith and our resources."*



Second Sunday of Advent



Sunday, December 4, 2022

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

* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.

Prelude *"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"* Larry Shackley

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 *"Personent Hodie"* Gustav Holst

*Call to Worship

One: Come, let us prepare for a new advent of love among us.

All: Nothing on earth can shut out the promise of life-giving water.

One: Hatred and warfare, injustice and suffering, are not the last word, for they are not of God.

All: We hear again the promise of peace, coming in the One who lived Shalom among all people.

One: We see again the light God promises in the midst of darkness. May our worship center us in life; to the One who gives us breath and purpose.

All: We come to embrace the new advent, to be renewed in faith, hope, and love. We come to worship in peace.

*Prayer of Invocation

Holy God,
We long for your peace, and trust in your promise;
we hear your call to turn toward you,
to change our lives and welcome you in.
Meet us here and 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.
In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!

***Opening Hymn #104:** *"We Hail You God's Anointed"*

Lighting the Advent Wreath: The Candle of Peace

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

The candle of peace shines bright with God's plan;
The wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb.
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,
Will give way to gardens that heal and restore.

Musical Offering: *"Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)"* Amy Grant

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 p.558

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12 p.784

Epistle Reading: Romans 15:5-7,13 p.924

***Hymn:** *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"* See Insert

Sermon

***Hymn #105:** *"Gentle Joseph, Joseph Dear"*

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 #478 vs. 1:** *"I've Got Peace Like a River"*

Service of Communion in the Round

***Communion Hymn #345:** *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

Invocation and Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

*(Communion at CSCUCC is Open Table. All are welcome.
The elements are gluten free and non-alcoholic.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mustard Seeds

Prayer List of the People For the week of December 4, 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.

- Prayers for action and words for the peaceful resolution of the violence in our country. (11/27)
- Celebrations for the Molinari family on Jessica's engagement. (11/27)
- 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 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, as he recovers from surgery.
- 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



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| Monday, December 5 | Food Pantry open 6:00 – 7:30 pm |
| Tuesday, December 6 | Grief Care Circle 10am
<i>(Fireplace Room)</i> |
| Wednesday, December 7 | Women's Guild meet 6:30 – 8:30 pm
<i>(Fellowship hall)</i> |
| Thursday, December 8 | Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm |
| Saturday, December 10 | Book Discussion 9:30am
<i>(Fireplace Room)</i> |
| Sunday, December 11 | Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:15am
<i>(Sanctuary)</i> |
| Sunday, December 11 | Worship 10am
<i>(Sanctuary)</i> |

The church office will be open Tuesday – Wednesday from 9am-1pm, and by appointment Thursday and Friday. Please call 508-697-6016 to make an appointment or to speak with Rev. Beth. You can also contact Rev. Beth by email at csccpastor@hotmail.com.



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