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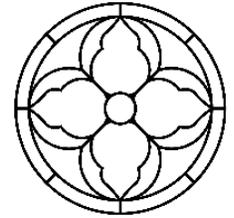
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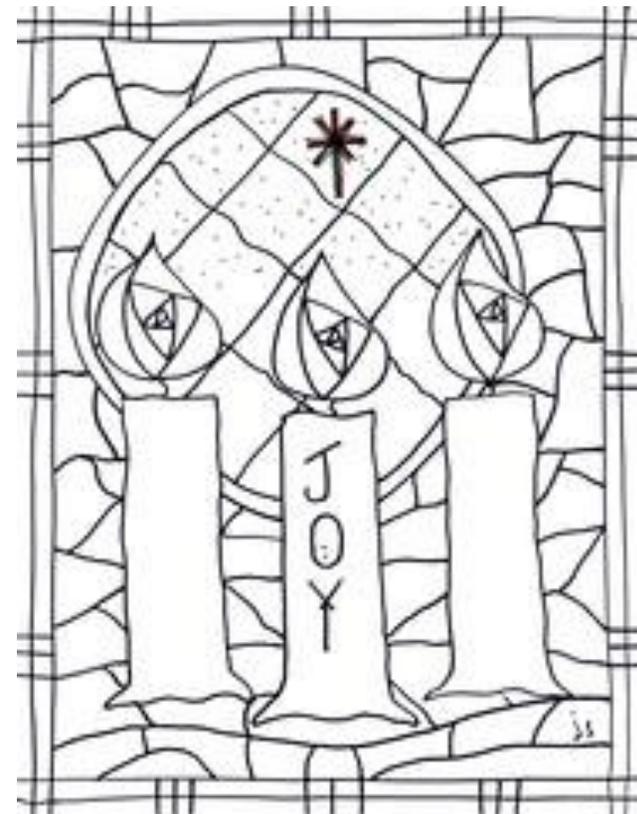
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*"We are a Christian Community of people
who are reaching out to our neighbors,
at home and abroad,
sharing our faith and our resources."*



Third Sunday of Advent



Sunday, December 11, 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 "I Saw Three Ships" Jarrod Radnich

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.)

Lighting the Advent Wreath: The Candle of Joy

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

The candle of joy reminds us to sing,
For God is at work to do a new thing.
The proud will be humbled; the lowly will rise.
God's kingdom is one of delight and surprise.

***Call to Worship** (From Luke 1:46b-47, 49, 52-52, 55a)

One: Our souls magnify the Lord,

All: And our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

One: For the Mighty One has done great things for us,

All: And holy is God's name

One: God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

All: And lifted up the lowly.

One: God has filled the hungry with good things,

All: And sent the gluttons away empty.

One: According to the promise God made to our ancestors,

All: We worship our God of liberating love!

*Opening Prayer

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, God with us, and be with us in our worship today. Lead us away from the ways of the world we have made, and into Your wisdom. May we listen to the prophets and sages of old, and hear the cries for justice and mercy and love in the here and now. O Come, Holy One, bind all peoples in one joy-filled heart. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #107:** "Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 p.578

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-56 p.831

New Testament Reading: James 5:7-10 p.982

*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.*

Musical Offering: "I Saw Three Ships" Ruth Morris Gray

Sermon

Finding Joy in the Moment Activity

***Hymn #109:** "With Joy Draw Water"

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 #111 vs. 1&4:** "O Loving Founder of the Stars"

***Closing Hymn #117:** "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

Benediction

Postlude: "Carol of the Bells" Jarrod Radnich

Mustard Seeds
Prayer List of the People For the week of December 11, 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.

- We lift up in prayer and acknowledgement those that aren't among us -- friends and family that are struggling. We pray that they may be embraced by the love of God, and find peace and healing. (12/4)
- Prayers for action and words for the peaceful resolution of the violence in our country. (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



- Tuesday, December 13** **Grief Care Circle 10am**
(Fireplace Room)
- Tuesday, December 13** **Outreach Meeting 7pm**
(Fireplace Room)
- Wednesday, December 14** **Trustees Meet 7pm**
(Fireplace Room)
- Wednesday, December 14** **BSU Choir Rehearsal 7pm**
(Sanctuary)
- Thursday, December 15** **Food Pantry open 10am – 1pm**
- Thursday, December 15** **Staff Meeting 10 am**
(Fireplace Room)
- Thursday, December 15** **Steeple Sounds submissions due!**
- Sunday, December 18** **Breakfast 9am**
- Sunday, December 18** **Junior Choir Rehearsal 9:15am**
(Sanctuary)
- Sunday, December 18** **Worship 10am**
(Sanctuary)
- Sunday, December 18** **Christmas Cookie Project 3pm**
(Fellowship Hall)

The church office will be open Tuesday – Friday 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.

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