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

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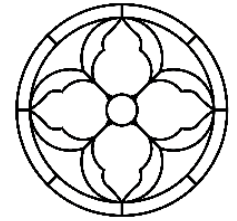
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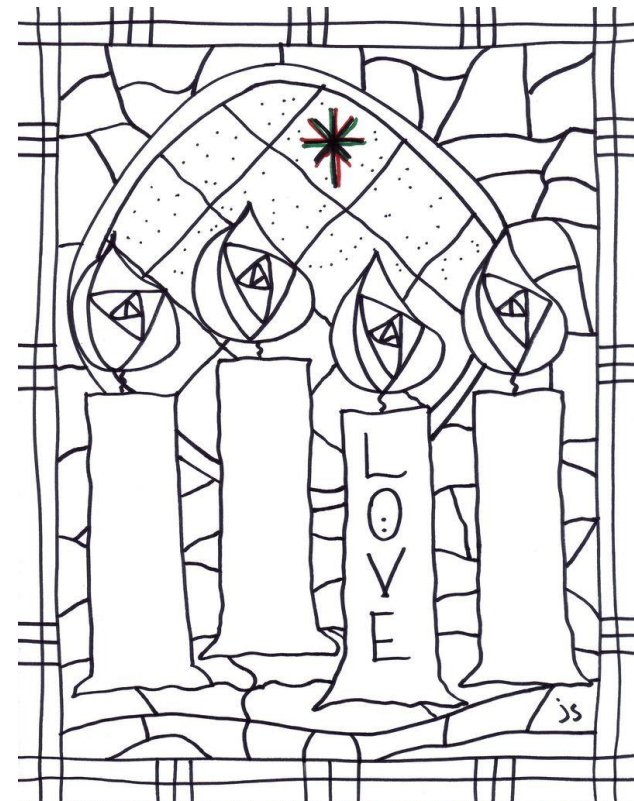
Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

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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."*



Fourth Sunday of Advent



Sunday, December 18, 2022

Guest Flutist – Sandra Medeiros

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

* Denotes please rise in body and/or spirit.

Prelude: "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella" Glenda Austin

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: "Ballad of Flemmingrad" Chime Choir

*Call to Worship

One: In this Advent season we await the coming of Christ

All: Light of the World, come, come to the oppressed and exploited, Come to the despised and rejected, Come to us all!

One: We wait in joyful expectation.

All: Come in love and compassion, come like the shepherds in the fields, Come like Magi watching from afar, Come to us all!

One: We wait in hopeful anticipation.

All: Come to bless all creation with your love, come to bring salvation on the earth, Come to rule with justice and in peace, Come, Light of the World, illuminate our path.

One: We wait with the all the peoples of the earth,

All: Light of the World, Come to us!

*Opening Prayer

Surprising God, You make Your presence known in unexpected ways, and challenge our comfortable assumptions about how You work. Meet us here today and open our hearts to recognize You in our midst Calling us to live into your new thing: A world where Your love takes shape in justice and peace. In the name of the One who is coming, we pray: Amen!

***Opening Hymn #126:** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Lighting the Advent Wreath: The Candle of Love

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

The candle of love tells us what we are worth:
God loves us so much, God came to the earth!
An angel brought news of a child who would be
The One who would save us and set us all free.

Musical Offering: "A New Christmas Carol" David N Johnson

Kids Church Offering: The Gospel and the Grinch

Scene 1: "Happy are those who believe God fulfills promises"

Musical Offering: "Angels We Have Heard on High"
Savannah Wells, flute

Scene 2: "When they saw the star, they were filled with JOY"

Scene 3: "The true light that shines on all people
is coming into the world"

Scene 4: "The angel said, 'Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news
to you-wonderous joyous news for all"

***Hymn:** "Joy to the World"

Musical Offering: "Once in Royal David's City" Liz Story

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: "Still, Still, Still" Junior Choir

***Closing Hymn #148:** "What Child is This?"

Benediction

Postlude: "Joy to the World" Jim Brickman



Mustard Seeds Prayer List for the week of December 18

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 of comfort and strength for Jenne Foronjy and her sisters as they come to terms with the profound loss of their mother, together with the ongoing struggles of their individual situations. (12/13)
- Prayers of health, healing, and courage for Judy Balzarini, friend of Kathleen Mosher, as she fights cancer. (12/11)
- Prayers of thanks for this congregation, and wishes of safe travels for friends and family this holiday season. (12/11)
- Prayers of strength and recovery for Bob and Michelle, friends of Bill O'Neil, who both suffer from substance abuse. (12/11)
- Continued prayers for Diane & Peter Glass' great nephew Ben, who is still in a mental health facility and not doing well. Prayers that a long term facility for him will be found, and for strength and courage for him and his family. (12/11)
- Prayers for Bette DeKoning's brother and sister-in-law, who have both experienced serious heart issues recently. (12/11)
- Continued prayers of healing and strength for the family of Doug Anderson, formerly of the Bridgewater area and now living in Wisconsin. His grandson, James, is battling a cancerous spinal tumor, and is back in the hospital to start a difficult round of chemo. (12/11)
- 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. (11/20)
- 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.
- 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)
- 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 20

Grief Care Circle 10am

(Fireplace Room)

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship 5pm

(Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship 10pm

(Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Online Worship 10am

(Online only)

Sunday, January 1

New Years Online Worship 10am

(Online only)

The church office will be closed for the week of Dec.25 – Jan.1

Our regular office hours are Tuesday – Friday from 9am-1pm.
Please call 508-697-6016 to make an appointment or to speak with Rev. Beth. You can also contact her by email at csccpastor@hotmail.com.



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