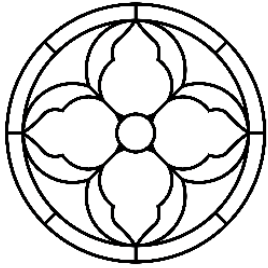


Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324



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

BLANKET SUNDAY



Sunday, January 12, 2025

10:00AM

Prelude *“Te Deum”* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Welcome & Announcements

Invitation to Fellowship

Introit: *“Though I May Speak”*

Moment for All Ages

***Call to Worship**

(based on Howard Thurman’s “The Work of Christmas”)

One: When the song of the angels is stilled,

All: When the star in the sky is gone,

One: When the kings and princes are home,

All: When the shepherds are back with their flock,

One: The work of Christmas begins.

All: To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers, to make music in the heart.

One: Let us all pray together...

***Prayer of Invocation**

Holy One, this morning as we worship,
blanket us together with your love.
Soften our souls and form us
into channels of your healing grace.
Gift us with an ability to recognize You in each other.
Clarify our intentions, purify our actions,
fill our words with grace and our hearts with hope.
Soak our thinking, our praying, our hoping, our everything in You. Amen.

***Hymn:** *“God, You Wrap Your Love Around Us”* (see yellow insert)

Hebrew Bible Reading: Exodus 16:2-15 p.55

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 p.938

Musical Meditation *“The Greatest of These”* Tina English

Message: Church World Service Carol Chaffee

A Litany for Blanket Sunday *(see green insert)*

***Hymn:** *“O God When We Face Trouble”* *(see yellow insert)*

Prayers

Celebrations and Concerns

(At this time, you are invited to share your prayer requests with the congregation. When you have finished, you may say, “This is my prayer”. The congregation will reply, “This is our prayer”.)

Moment for Meditation and Reflection
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 have sinned 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.

Sharing our Gifts

Invitation to Give: *Blanket Sunday* Carol Chaffee
Offertory *"Protect the Land"* Daren Malakian
Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn #575:** *"O For a World"*

***Benediction**

Postlude *"Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams"* Bing Crosby

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A CWS Blanket Sunday Litany

Leader: Gracious God, you have given us so many good gifts. Today, we gather to share these gifts with our neighbors in need.

Congregation: Bless our offerings, O God, that they may bring warmth, shelter, comfort, and hope wherever they are needed.

Leader: "And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God." May these blankets be a sign of Your love, spreading far and wide.

Congregation: As we give, we pray for lives touched by what we share. May those who receive our gifts feel Your compassion, warmth, and love.

Leader: Bless the work of Church World Service as they carry our gifts into the world, spreading Your care and presence.

Congregation: God of hope and promises, through our offering we connect with others, following Christ's example to love and serve. Bless the hands and hearts of those who receive, that they know they are cherished and loved by You.

All Together: Loving God, may our gifts provide warmth and healing, compassion and peace, and may Your love cover the world. Amen.

O God, When We Face Trouble

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2023

Aurelia

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. O God, when we face trou - ble, when we need help and care,
2. *(Insert the stanza appropriate to the occasion)*
3. You teach us to be neigh - bors; you teach us what is true—

you reach to us through oth - ers who lis - ten, love and share.
that when we're help - ing oth - ers, we're al - so serv - ing you.

You send us now to neigh - bors with trou - bles of their own.
God, as we share with oth - ers, use all these gifts, we pray,

May they know, through our la - bors, that they are not a - lone.
to help our hurt - ing neigh - bors look toward a bet - ter day.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

A hymn for Church World Service's Blanket Sunday

God, You Wrap Your Love Around Us

CONVERSE 8.7.8.7 D ("What a Friend We Have in Jesus")

God, you wrap your love around us, Like a blanket, soft and warm.
You give rest when we are weary, You protect us from the storm.
May each person who finds shelter In these blankets that we share
Also feel the joy and comfort Of your love's protecting care.

Jesus, you were once a baby, Sought by those who would destroy.
Into Egypt you were carried — Far from home, a little boy.
Were you wrapped up warm to travel, Safe from terror, free from harm?
Did you feel God's strong protection, Snuggled there in Mary's arm?

May the women, men and children Fleeing danger every day
Know, through us, your living presence; You walk with them on their way.
Spirit, as you give them comfort, Teach us here to freely give;
May we blanket this world over With your love, so all may live.

We are delighted to Worship with you today!

*In this church, no matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ.

Do you need a visit? A meal? Someone to pray with?

Contact Rev. Beth, a Deacon, or a member of the Care Team.

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What's Happening at CSCC This Week

Sunday, Jan. 12

Sr. Choir 8:30am

(Sanctuary)

Jr. Choir 9:20am

(Sanctuary)

Worship 10am

(Sanctuary)

Kids Church 10:10

(Kids Church Room)

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Grief Support Group 1pm

(Bridgewater Senior Center)

Wednesday, Jan. 15

****Steeple Sounds Submissions Due!****

Staff Meeting 10am

(Fireplace Room)

Thrift Shop 10am-1pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Cabinet 7pm

(Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, Jan. 16

Food Pantry 10am-1pm

(Church Street)

Saturday, Jan. 18

Thrift Shop (CLOSED due to funeral)

Sunday, Jan. 19

Sr. Choir 8:30am

(Sanctuary)

Jr. Choir 9:20am

(Sanctuary)

Worship 10am

(Sanctuary)

Kids Church 10:15

(Kids Church Room)

Potluck Lunch 11am

(Fellowship Hall)

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Sunday, Jan. 26 • 3:05pm • Amica Mutual Pavilion

Great seats together and a P-Bruins Hat for all! \$25 per person

Purchase online at: www.Providencebruins.com/centralsquarechurch

Once you purchase your tickets online, you will receive an email on how to access your mobile tickets through your mobile device.
If you have questions, contact Nick D'Amico with the Providence Bruins at 401-680-4740 or damico@pseagency.com.

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To contact the Church Office:

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The church office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday from 9am – 1pm.

To make an appointment with Rev. Beth, please email her at csccpastor@hotmail.com.



Purchase tickets at:

<https://cscucc.org/julia-carey-concert-1-24-25/>

Mustard Seeds Prayer List

Prayer List of the People For the week of Jan. 12, 2025

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

- Mary Barnsley asks for prayers of strength and courage for her sister-in-law Maryann as she goes through testing for memory issues. (1/7)
- Mark Sorgman asks for renewed prayers for his dad, Norman, as he enters rehab after a stay in the hospital for pneumonia. (1/5)
- Evy asks for prayers for her Grandma in heaven. (1/5)
- Prayers for Roger Hanson. (12/29)
- Tristan Wells asks for prayers for Savannah Wells' boyfriend, Declan Cronin. His dog is recovering from surgery and is doing better. (12/22)
- Mark Sorgman asks for prayers for himself, for the strength to overcome the pain in his back, and find a permanent resolution so he may become more active and live a normal life. (12/15)
- Continued prayers for Beth, sister to Gail Wright and Lynn Pietras, as she continues her recovery and future surgery in January. (12/15)
- Prayers for Bill Govoni as he faces health issues and his wife Terry DeArruda as she navigates the system to support him. (12/5)
- Prayers for Joann Kelly and her 4 kids, Christine, Phillip, Emma, & Jack. Joann lost her life partner, Sean, to cancer last week. (12/1)
- Update on our prayers for 9-year-old Vivian, who has leukemia, and her mother, Jen. Vivian's treatment plan is going according to plan and should be done in June 2026. (12/1)
- Prayers for the Glass' neighbor, Stacey, who lost her husband tragically over a year ago. (11/24)
- Prayers for Barbara, as she has ongoing tests at Beth Israel. (11/24)
- Prayers for Alex Sikora who is recovering from knee surgery. (11/24)
- Prayers for a middle-aged woman who has come out and is struggling with her faith and family. (11/10)
- Prayers of healing for the Glass' niece, Jennifer, who has prolonged severe anxiety and is currently hospitalized again. (11/10)
- Krissy Cannizzo asks for prayers for Joe H., a dear friend, who is struggling with a liver transplant rejection. (11/10)
- Stephanie Holmgren asks for prayers for her friend's husband, Andy, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. (10/20)
- Prayers for Dominic's friend, for a speedy recovery from heart surgery. (10/6)
- Prayers for Sheri Turner's friend, Michael Liben, and his family who live in Jerusalem and have been in their bomb shelter due to missile strikes. Prayers also for his son-in-law who is deployed in Lebanon. (10/2)
- Prayers for Anita Mills, to learn how to live with severe chronic pain. (9/15)
- Prayers for healing for Bob Kelso following his recent open-heart surgery. (9/10)
- Prayers for a friend who is in long term care due to MS. (9/8)
- Prayers for Rich Sullivan's brother, Barry, who is recovering from brain surgery. (8/28)
- Renewed prayers for the grandson of Doug Anderson. James has a recurrence of cancer in his spine and liver. (5/5)

Continued...

- Prayers for Rachel Lawson's nephew Leo, who has type 1 diabetes and is experiencing intestinal dysfunction. (4/14)
- Prayers for Cheryl Cardillo, who is healing from surgery and a new cancer diagnosis. (4/7)
- Prayers of peace and comfort from cancer for Brian Q. (4/7)
- Prayers for Eric Thompson, Sue Corcoran's nephew, who is struggling with mental health problems. (1/21)
- Continued prayers for Ashley Earp's dad, who has dementia. (12/22)
- Asking God for love and prayers for both the Israeli people and for the people of Palestine. Both need our prayers, for all of the innocent people on both sides.

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

Please note: We, the church, are in constant prayer for our church family, our community, our nation, and our world. We are in need of prayer, all of us. It is what brings us together! If you have requested an addition to the prayer list, it is helpful for you to provide updates to the church office, whenever possible, or request that the prayer concern be removed as it is no longer a concern or the issue has passed. If we have removed a prayer concern and you would like it added back to the list because there is a great need to keep the prayer in the forefront of our hearts and minds, please go ahead and make this known to the church office.

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