



The Original Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

Wrentham Centre

Christmas Sunday Worship

December 25th, 2022, 10:00am

Order of Service

PRELUDE

“In Dulci Jubilo”

Johann Michael Bach

CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: On the Holy Mountain of God a voice was borne from heaven saying, “This is my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” In Majestic Glory we received the Word, a lamp shining in a dark place, until that day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts. O Day Star, shall we not sing together and with all the Children of God shout for joy?

People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Unto them a light has shined. For unto us this day a child is born. Wonderful. Counselor. The One of Peace.

*CAROL No. 132

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Vs. 1 & 2

THE LORD’S PRAYER *all versions are welcomed in the Spirit.*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

ASSURANCE

Leader: God our Savior has done great things from generation to generation. In remembrance of our Lord’s great mercy our souls may rejoice. Our sins are forgiven. Our debts are paid. On God’s Holy Mountain comes the herald of Good News: “Behold our God who comes with might—who will tend the flock like a shepherd and gather the lambs in the arms of love.”

People: Praise be to God our Savior and to the Lamb. Glory be to God in the Highest!

CAROL No. 135

Angels We Have Heard on High

Vs. 1 & 3

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:1-7 “For Unto Us A Child Is Born”

CAROL No. 134

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Vs. 1 & 3

SCRIPTURE

Micah 5:2-5 “From Bethlehem the Ruler Comes Forth”

*All who are able please stand

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:9-14 “For Unto You Is Born This Day A Savior”

CHRISTMAS MORNING MEDLEY

Good Christians All, Rejoice

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now,
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray;
O—tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O—tidings of comfort and joy

I Saw Three Ships

I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the souls on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the souls on earth shall sing,
On Christmas day in the morning.

SILENT PRAYER

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray.

OFFERING

Gifts may be placed in the offering baskets today.

CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY words: Landin; music Bourgeois

The birth of Christ is ours to see;
All shepherds bow on bended knee;
Good gifts to God we now may bring;
And to the Babe we joy-f'ly sing!

DEDICATION

Dear God, we dedicate our gifts to sharing your Christmas Joy!

CHRISTMAS COUPLET

Deck the Hall

Deck the hall with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Don we now our gay apparel;
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow in a one horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way;
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright;
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!
Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Jingle all the way!
Oh what fun it is to ride in one horse open sleigh!

COMMISIONING

Go, Tell it on TikTok that Jesus Christ is born!

*CAROL No. 160 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* Vs. 1

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Swiss Noel" for Full organ and Duo Louis-Claude Daquin



Thank you for joining us in worship on Christmas Day!
We wish you and your loved ones a joyous day of love and sharing.
May all gifts of the Spirit surround you and grant you peace!



LIFE OF THE CHURCH

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Lynnete Beaudro, in our prayers of safety in Qatar.

Peg Mercier, for prayers of peace and continued healing.

Les Burch, for continued progress, strength and wellness.

Jean Dusty, needing thoughts and prayers for healing and strength.

Walter Landin, Pastor Ken's Dad, for continued recovery upon his return home!

Greta Seymour, Mother of Kristen Lambalot for comfort and recovery.

Today's Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S LITURGISTS: **Hans Pope**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S USHERS: **Kim & Sean Kelly**

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTERS: **Bob Casavant**

THE OFFICE/CHURCH is closed for the week of Christmas. It will re-open January 3, 2023. You may still reach Pastor Ken on his cell phone for any pastoral needs.

A BIG THANK YOU to Martha and Justin for their time and creativity during Advent and the Christmas services. And Thank You as well as to the Choir and the Bell Choir, the Wrentham wRingers.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED. Please look for your pledge envelope on the table, at the bottom of the stairs to the Sanctuary. And please pass the word to your neighbors to notify them. Thank you.



Welcome to the OCC!

We are an Open and Affirming congregation
affiliated with
the United Church of Christ.

Our faith is rooted in God's love and grows into the mission and service in Christ's compassion to all people regardless of physical or mental ability, race, age, culture, family status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

You can find more information about us on our website and our ONA Board in Fellowship Hall.

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