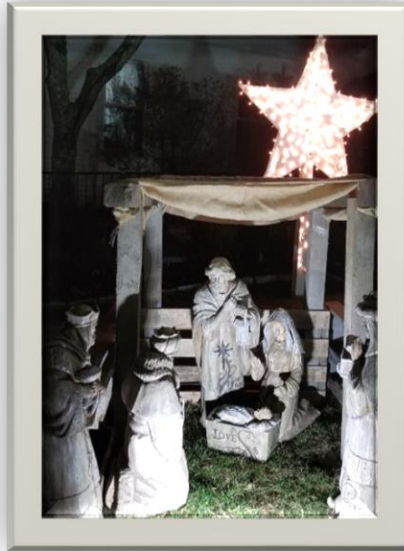


**THE FEDERATED CHURCH OF HYANNIS**



**CHRISTMAS EVE ORDER OF SERVICE  
DECEMBER 24, 2020**

**CALL OF THE BELL**

**PRELUDE** *Angels We Have Heard on High*.....Roy Campbell

**GREETINGS**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**.....Hugh Findlay

We light the first candle to remind us of hope. (*Light 1<sup>st</sup> candle*)

We light the second candle to remind us to live in faith and prepare hearts to receive Christ.  
(*Light 2<sup>nd</sup> candle*)

We light the third candle to remind us of the joy we have found in Christ. (*Light the 3<sup>rd</sup> candle*)

We light the fourth candle to remind us of God's love for us. (*Light the 4<sup>th</sup> candle*)

As we light the Christ Candle let us first hear a reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; the light to rule His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

This night these words are fulfilled in our hearing and in our living for the promise of God has come to us. Our lives are the manger in whom the Christ child is born. No longer do we seek light from another source; now the light burns in our hearts and we become the vessels of God’s love.”

So we light the candle at the center of our wreath and our faith. We light it in the name of the One who is the light, and, as Mary did so long ago, we name this light Jesus the Christ. (*Light the Christ Candle*).

**HYMN #137** Once in Royal David’s City (v 1,2)

*Once in royal David's city stood lowly cattle shed  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child*

*He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all  
And His shelter was a stable and His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES**

**OUR OFFERING TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** *Bach Prelude in C* – J. S. Bach.....Roy Campbell

**DOXOLOGY**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen.....Roy Campbell

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We come before the Lord with hearts filled with joy and wonder. What can we offer to this newborn King? In him and through him all things were made. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve others in the receiving of the Good News. We come before the Lord with hearts of gratitude. We receive the gift of God given for all the world. It is in response to the Word made flesh we present these offerings to the Lord. We dedicate these gifts to serve as Christ has shown us to serve. May the blessings of God be shared with all. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**LESSONS & CAROLS**

**First Lesson** Reading: Luke 1: 26-38.....Dave Wilbur

Hymn: #138 “What Child is This”

*What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

**Second Lesson** Reading: Luke 1: 39-45.....Dave Wilbur

Hymn: #97 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*Good Christian friends, 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!*

**Third Lesson** Reading: Luke 2: 1-7.....Sherrie Scudder

Hymn: #111 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

**Fourth Lesson** Reading: Luke 2: 8-20.....Bob Jones

Hymn: #132 “Away in a Manger”

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head  
The stars in the sky look down where he lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay*

**Fifth Lesson** Reading: Luke 2: 25-35.....Bob Jones

Hymn: #110 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

*While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light*

*Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

**MEDITATION** “The Word Became Flesh” .....Rev. Derek White

**RESPONSE** *O Holy Night*, John S. Dwight..... *Hugh Findlay, soloist*

## **THE FESTIVAL OF THE LIGHT**

### **Sixth Lesson**

The Word Made Flesh John 1:1-5, 9-14.....Rev. Derek White

Sharing the Light

Silent Night.....Roy Campbell

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**HYMN # 127** I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (v 1,2,5)

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*I thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along the unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*Till, ringing singing, on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,  
Of peace on earth, good will to men!*

### **BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** *Bring the Torch Jeanette Isabella*.....Roy Campbell

*Thank you to the Diaconate for the Altar Flowers*