

Fifth Lesson Reading: Luke 2: 25-35..... Meghan Reilly

Please join us in singing 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!*

Sixth Lesson “The Word Made Flesh” Reading: John 1:1-5, 9-14..... Bob Phear

Please join us in singing Hymn #135 “Silent Night”

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm and all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child, Holy infant, so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, ooh Sleep, sleep in heaven, heavenly peace*

RESPONSE “O Holy Night”, John S. Dwight..... Hugh Findlay

Passing the Peace of Christ Gary Sylvester

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. Merry Christmas.
People: And also with you.

Hymn # 127 “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

*I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace of 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.*

*And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Then 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 Gary Sylvester

POSTLUDE: “Angels We Have Heard on High”Roy Campbell

*Please Stand if you are able

***The Federated Church of Hyannis
320 Main Street
Hyannis, Massachusetts***



***Christmas Eve Worship Service
December 24, 2022 ~ 5 PM***

~Reminder – please silence all cell phones before the Worship Service begins ~

CALL OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: “The First Noel”.....Roy Campbell

GREETINGS Gary Sylvester

Leader: We greet one another on this joyous eve in celebration of the arrival of our Lord and King. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Let us rejoice!

ALL: We have heard the Good News! We have come to see this miracle that has happened. Let us praise God. Let our hearts be filled with good cheer for all. Tonight we all gather at the manger to witness the true miracle of Christmas.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE.....Sue Donald and Dot Sullivan

We light the first candle to remind us of hope. *(Light 1st candle)*
We light the second candle to remind us to live in faith and prepare hearts to receive Christ. *(Light 2nd candle)*
We light the third candle to remind us of the joy we have found in Christ. *(Light the 3rd candle)*
We light the fourth candle to remind us of God’s love for us. *(Light the 4th 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*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Traumerie”, F. Liszt.....Roy Campbell

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Pam Brown

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.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER..... Rene King

LESSONS & CAROLS

First Lesson Reading: Luke 1: 26-38.....Bob Jones

Please join us in singing 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.....Philip Scudder

Please join us in singing 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.....Carol Wroblewski

Please join us in singing 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..... Sherrie Scudder

Please join us in singing Hymn: #132 “Away in a Manger”

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed yhe 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*