

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



*Sunday Morning Worship Service
December 3, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM*

The First Sunday of Advent

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

PRELUDE “Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring” Anne Perrault

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Hope Sherrie Scudder

**PASSING OF THE PEACE WITH THE CONGREGATION,
PRESENT AND ONLINE**

CALL TO WORSHIP (all) (Isaiah 9:2-7)

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light...

People: those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone...

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

People: and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

Leader: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

People: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end...

People: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

***HYMN #92** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

INVOCATION (all)

We gratefully come together and offer you our worship.

With enabling grace grant that we might live in love and light.

This morning we ask you to help us learn and receive nurture.

Refresh us by your Spirit and make us more aware of the living Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (all)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Proverbs 8:12-22

New Testament: John 1:1-5; 9-15

Lay Reader Bob Phear

Pew Bible page 515

Pew Bible page 862

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF REFLECTION #267 “Morning Has Broken”**

SERMON

“Welcoming the Word”

Rev. Robert Swanson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Song Without Words”, Mendelssohn

Anne Perrault

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome to partake of Holy Communion)

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup (Please hold and commune together)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #89**

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Carol of the Bells No. 1”

Anne Perrault

**Please stand if you are able*

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the Worship Service.

Rev. Robert Swanson has served as a missionary and pastor for 38 years. He is the author of The Bible Reader's Companion and teaches at the Cape Cod Academy of Lifelong Learning. He and Heather have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and they live in Centerville.

Please welcome our guest pianist today, Anne Perrault.

Mission of the Month

Our Mission for the month of December is to collect new hats and mittens for our local school children. Please bring your items to the church, and they will be delivered to the schools. Thank you, as always, for your generous support.

Volunteer for VNA of Cape Cod Hospice

The VNA Hospice Office is in great need of volunteers to visit the homes of patients. Hospice volunteers often act as companions to hospice patients or sit with patients while family members take a much needed break. To learn more please call Lisa at (508) 957-7729.

This Week

Sunday, December 3 – Worship Service with Communion, 10:00 am (BH)
Church Committee Meeting, 11:30 am (P)
NA 6:00 pm (BH)

Monday, December 4 – AA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Tuesday, December 5 – Cranberry Chorus, 6:00 (BH)
NA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Wednesday, December 6 - Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 9- AA, 12:00 pm (BMR)
NA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Sunday, December 10 – Worship Service, 10:00 am (BH)
NA 6:00 pm (BMR)

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