

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



*Sunday Morning Worship Service
December 31, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM*

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

PRELUDE *“Prayer”*, L. V. Beethoven Roy Campbell

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHOIR INTROIT *“What Gift Can We Bring”*

CALL TO WORSHIP (all)

Leader: We have come together on the last day of this year to worship God.

People: We have come to offer thanks to God for the year which will soon end, and for the new year with its opportunities and challenges.

Leader: We don't know what the days ahead will bring. We can only be faithful and trust in the providence of God.

People: We praise God for guidance as we make our way from today to tomorrow... May God be with us always.

***HYMN #275** *“All Beautiful the March of Days”*

INVOCATION (all)

O Lord, our God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart of the lowly, we thank you that your love took the form of a little child. Make us humble in faith and love, that we may know the joy of the gospel that is hidden from the wise. Fill our hearts with joy and our tongues with praise, as we near the time of our Savior's birth. Forgive us our lack of faith, and help us when we limit you by the boundaries of our own making. May Christ be born anew in our lives this blessed season. 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.

ANTHEM *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*, D. Wagner Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Lay Reader Bob Phear

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10

Pew Bible page 578

New Testament: Luke 2:8-20

Pew Bible page 833

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF REFLECTION #115** **“In the Bleak Midwinter”**

SERMON **“Good News”** **Rev. Dr. Paul R. Adkins**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”* Roy Campbell

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.*

***CLOSING HYMN #495** **“They’ll Know We Are Christians”**

***BENEDICTION**

CHOIR AMEN

POSTLUDE *“The Gift of Love”*, Folk Tune Roy Campbell

**Please stand if you are able*

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the Worship Service.

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.

This Week

Sunday, December 31 – Worship Service, 10:00 am (BH)
NA 6:00 pm (BH)

Monday, January 1 – AA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Tuesday, January 2 – Cranberry Chorus, 6:00 (BH)
NA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Wednesday, January 3 - Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Saturday, January 6 - AA, 12:00 pm (BMR)
NA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Sunday, January 7 – Worship Service
NA 6:00 pm (BMR)

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