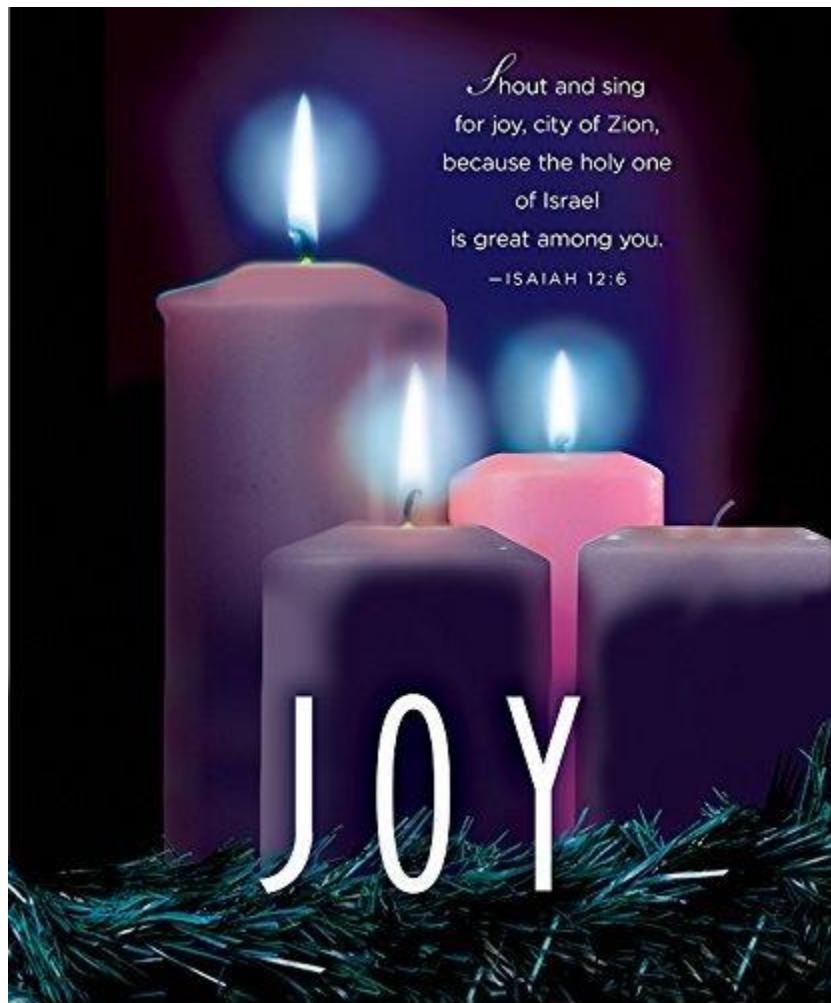


*The Federated Church of Hyannis
320 Main Street
Hyannis, Massachusetts*



*Sunday Morning Worship Service
December 17, 2023 ~ 10:00 AM*

The Third Sunday of Advent

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

PRELUDE *“I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas”*, Irving Berlin
Roy Campbell

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Joy Larry and Pam Frazier

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

CHOIR INTROIT *“What Gift Can We Bring”*

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

Reader: 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

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

People: and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

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

People: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Reader: 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 #123** *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

INVOCATION (all)

Lord God,

You still shine despite in the land of darkness.

We still seek the great light.

Our desire is to reflect your light.

May our hearts be a place be a place wherein you dwell.

Holy Spirit, flow like living water.

May this place, may the body of Christ be your home. 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 *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*, Parker/Shaw Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Lay Reader Patty Hill

Old Testament: Psalm 118:21-29

Pew Bible page 493

New Testament: Luke 1:35-40

Pew Bible page 831

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF REFLECTION #138 “What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest”**

SERMON “Welcoming the Faith of Mary” (Luke 1:38, 45)

Rev. Robert Swanson

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 #121 “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

***BENEDICTION**

CHOIR AMEN

POSTLUDE

“Prayer”, Beethoven

Roy Campbell

**Please stand if you are able*

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the Worship Service.

Rev. Robert Swanson is joining us again this week. He 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.

**The Flowers are given today in loving memory of
Winthrop V. Wilbur Jr by his family.
Win was born on this day, December 17, 1931**

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 17 – Worship Service, 10:00 am (BH)
NA 6:00 pm (BH)**

Monday, December 18 – AA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

**Tuesday, December 19 – Cranberry Chorus, 6:00 (BH)
NA, 7:30 pm (BMR)**

Wednesday, December 20 - Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

**Saturday, December 23 - AA, 12:00 pm (BMR)
NA, 7:30 pm (BMR)**

**Sunday, December 24 – Worship Service with
Christmas Lessons & Carols, 10:00 am (BH)
NA 6:00 pm (BMR)**

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