

**FEDERATED CHURCH OF HYANNIS
ORDER OF WORSHIP ~ DECEMBER 3, 2023**

~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”

*1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*2 O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]*

*3 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;*

*To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go. [Refrain]*

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"**

*Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world*

*Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass
Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play*

*Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day*

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Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world*

SERMON

“Welcoming the Word”

Rev. Robert Swanson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Song Without Words”, Mendolssohn

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”

*1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.*

*2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art:
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.*

*3 Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.*

***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.

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)