

**FEDERATED CHURCH OF HYANNIS  
ORDER OF WORSHIP & LESSONS AND CAROLS  
DECEMBER 24, 2023**

**PRELUDE**      “*Mary’s Little Boy Child*”, Jean Harrison

Roy Campbell

**WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Love**

Nancy and David Wilbur

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Reader: Joy to the world

**People: This is the culmination of all our waiting.**

Reader: Joy to the world, the Lord is come

**People: Let us sing for joy.**

Reader: Let us sing to the glory of God

**People: Let us sing in the name of Christ who offers us hope in the midst of despair.**

Reader: Peace in the chaos of life

**People: God’s love-graciously, wonderfully, silently offered.**

Reader: God’s love is the hope of the world.

**People: Amen**

**CHOIR INTROIT**      “*What Gift Can We Bring*”

**\*HYMN #125**      “*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*”

*1 Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er Your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*3 Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations,*



**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.*

**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..... Jan Cliggott

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.....Rene King

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.....Gary Sylvester

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

*Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

**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 (Recorded 2022)**

**BENEDICTION**

**Closing 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 on 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!*

*Please join us for Coffee Hour following the Worship Service.*

