

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



*Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols
December 24, 2024~5:00 PM*

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

PRELUDE “Joy to the World” Roy Campbell

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE Pastor Dave McPherson

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Sue Donald

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 9)

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

People: You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Pastor: For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

INVOCATION: O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (all)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 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.

FIRST LESSON Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Kim Sullivan

Response: 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

Angie McPherson

Response: Hymn #113 "O Holy Night"

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth;
A thrill of hope--the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!*

THIRD LESSON Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Dot Sullivan

Response: Hymn #111 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above the 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

Meghan Reilly

Response: Hymn #132 "Away in a Manger"

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

FIFTH LESSON Reading: Luke 2:25-35

Gary Sylvester

Response: 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 Reading: John 1:1-5; 9-14

Patty Hill

Response: Hymn #123

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on each, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!” Amen.*

REFLECTION ON THE LIGHT

Pastor Dave McPherson

BENEDICTION

Pastor Dave McPherson

BEING LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

(please stand if you are able and turn on your candle light)

Everyone

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

