

**FEDERATED CHURCH OF HYANNIS
ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 15, 2024**

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

PRELUDE *“Oh Bambinno”*, Puccini Roy Campbell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Pastor Dave McPherson**

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Joy **Bob Phear & Pam Brown**

CALL TO WORSHIP (all) *from Psalm 16*

Pastor: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

People: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

Pastor: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

People: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

Pastor: I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

People: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

All: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #123** **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

*I Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, 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!"*

Refrain:

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

*2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]*

*3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. [Refrain]*

INVOCATION (all)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC “*And There Were Shepherds*”, Ira Wilson Stephanie Meili,
Soloist

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Psalm 146:5-10
The New Testament: Matthew 2:10-11

Lay Reader Angie McPherson
Pew Bible page 507
Pew Bible page 784

SERMON

“Great Joy ”

Pastor Dave McPherson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

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 #107**

“Joy to the World”

*1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

*2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*3 No more let sin and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.*

*4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love. Amen.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “*My Christmas Song for You*”, Hoagy Carmichael

Roy Campbell

**Please stand if you are able*

Please welcome this morning, Stephanie Meili, soloist throughout New England and has retired from Brockton Schools.

The Christmas Mailbox for our church family is up in the Narthex.

December Mission

Our December Mission of the Month is to collect hat and mittens for the Hyannis West Elementary School students. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to the church and note "Missions" on your checks memo line. Thank you for your continued generosity.

This Week

Sunday, December 15 – Worship Service, 10:00 am (S)
NA 6:00 pm (BH)

Monday, December 16 - AA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Tuesday, December 17 – Finance Committee Meeting, 9:00 am (P)
Bible Study, 11:30 am (P)
NA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Wednesday, December 18 – Church Committee Meeting, 5:00 pm (P)

Saturday, December 21 – NA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Sunday, December 22 – Worship Service, 10:00 am (S)
NA 6:00 pm (BH)

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