

FEDERATED CHURCH OF HYANNIS
ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 22, 2024

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

PRELUDE *“Abide With Me”*, Beethoven Roy Campbell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Pastor Dave McPherson**

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Love **Sue Donald**

CALL TO WORSHIP (all) *from Psalm 33*

Pastor: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

People: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Pastor: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.

People: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Pastor: Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

People: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #111 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

*1 O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep;
The silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.*

*2 For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,*

*While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.*

*3 How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him,
still The dear Christ enters in.*

*4 O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!*

INVOCATION (all)

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 “*Cantique De Noel*”, Adolph Adam Roy Campbell

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Psalm 24:1-10
The New Testament: John 3:16-17

Lay Reader Patty Hill
Pew Bible page 436
Pew Bible page 864

SERMON “ Great Love ” **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 #132** “*Away in a Manger*”

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

*2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love You, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask You to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with You there.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “*Prelude No. 1*”, J. S. Bach Roy Campbell

**Please stand if you are able*

This Week

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

Monday, December 23 - AA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Tuesday, December 24 – Lessons & Carols, 5:00 pm (S)
NA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas

Saturday, December 28 – NA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Sunday, December 29 – Worship Service, 10:00 am (S)
NA 6:00 pm (BH)

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