

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



“Advent of Beatitudes: Persecuted”

*Sunday Morning Worship Service
December 21, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

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

PRELUDE *“Christmas Lullaby”, Jason Brown*

Stephanie Miele, Soloist

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

Patty Hill

CALL TO WORSHIP (all)

from Isaiah 7:10-16

Pastor: Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: “Ask a sign of the Lord your God;
let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”

People: But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.”

And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?”

Pastor: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

People: He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

All: For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.

HYMN OF PRAISE #126

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

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 for ever. *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.

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”, Traditional*

Stephanie Miele, Soloist

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Nehemiah 9:25-27

The New Testament: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Lay Reader Gary Sylvester

Pew Bible page 381

Pew Bible page 984

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **“Advent of Beatitudes: Persecuted”** **Pastor Dave McPherson**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“Faith of Our Fathers”, James Walton*

Roy Campbell

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from who all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #148**

“We Three Kings”

vs. 1, 2 & 5

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *“And There Were Shepherds”, Ira Wilson* Stephanie Miele, Soloist

*Please stand if you are able

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Baldwin Hall following the Worship Service

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

Missions for December & January

The mission for December and January is to collect monetary donations for the purchase of tarps and disposable ponchos for the homeless. Please make your checks payable to the church but note "Missions" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued generosity."

This Week

Sunday, December 21 – Faith Formation, 8:45 am (P)
Worship Service, 10:00 am (S)
Coffee Hour, 11:00 am (BH)
NA, 6:00 pm (BH)

Monday, December 22 – AA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols, 5:00 pm

Saturday, December 27 – NA, 7:30 pm, (BMR)

Sunday, December 28 – No Faith Formation
Worship Service, 10:00 am (S)
Coffee Hour, 11:00 am (BH)
NA, 6:00 pm (BH)

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