

Order of Worship: Christmas Eve 12/24/16 10:00 PM

Prelude

People Look East, the Time is Near

Traditional French Carol *BESANÇON*
arr. Tammy Waldrop

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS'
arr. Sandra Eithun

The Carilloneers

Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

A Moment of Silence

Lighting the Christ Candle

Ben and Kerri Pulaski

(Ben, our Minister of Faith Formation, and his wife Kerri will be reading a special litany for the lighting of the Christ Candle that honors both the Christian and Jewish traditions.)

Response:

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

*Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Red-covered Pilgrim Hymnal # 132

*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Kathleen Zagata

Holy God, we are grateful that the story of your human birth embraces us and invites us to accept our humanity and the true dignity of all your children. For the hope, peace, joy and love that this hour brings we give you thanks. Open us inwardly so that the Christ child may find room in our hearts and so His love may be born into the world through our lives. We pray in the way the Christ child taught us to pray...

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

*An Act of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

PH #116

The Offering

Anthem

The Holly and the Ivy [arr. 2011]

Rev. Judy Arnold
Traditional English Carol
arr. Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

The Word in Lessons and Carols

(Congregation may remain seated)

Lesson I

Isaiah 40: 1-5

Peter Owens

Matthew 1: 18-24

John Fitzgerald

Carol

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (vv. 1, 2, & 4)

PH #129

Lesson II

Isaiah 7: 13-15

Andy Gallop

Luke 2: 1-7

Sarah Gallop

Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem (vv. 1-3)

PH #134

Lesson III

Isaiah 42:1-4

John Miller

Luke 2: 8-14

Joan Miller

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

PH # 116

Lesson IV

Micah 5: 2-5

Barry McArdle

Luke 2: 15-20

Rev. Jessica McArdle

Carol

Thou Shalt Know Him [1995]

Music: Mark Sirett (1952)

Text: Anonymous

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums,

Nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by anything he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown,

But his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.

Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

A Christmas Reflection

Rev. Will Burhans

Sharing the Christ Light

(The Ministers and Deacons will move down the aisles lighting candles. Candles should be lit by tilting the unlit candle toward the lighted candle.)

Carol

Silent Night

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.

(please repeat verse one)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

*Closing Hymn

Joy to the World!

PH #130

Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold & Rev. Will Burhans

Celebration of the Bells

Postlude

Puer nobis nascitur

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Sanctuary Flowers Today's Chancel and Narthex flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of David Richardson Jr. and Sarah Miller by Sybil & Buck Richardson.

Home for the Holidays: Welcoming All College Students

On Wednesday Night, December 28 at 6:00 PM, join Ben, Rev. Judy and Kathleen for a Communion Service in Ripley Chapel. This event is specifically for our college students (freshmen/women through PhDs) home for the holidays. Following a Communion Service we will move to the Forum Room for pizza and some catching up with each other. RSVP to Judy - jarnoldfccw@verizon.net or text 781-820-2410- just so we can have a head count for the pizza. The evening begins at 6:00, pizza probably around 6:30 and we'll end no later than 7:30. Hope you can join us.

Ben Pulaski, Rev. Judy Arnold, Kathleen Zagata

Meet Our Church

First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, *An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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We are a Christ-centered, nurturing community: growing in faith, serving in love, welcoming all with joy.

The Congregation, Ministers To The World

Rev. William Burhans, Lead Pastor

Rev. Ms. Judith B. Arnold, Associate Pastor

Ms. Kathleen Zagata, RN, MS, CS, Minister of Congregational Health & Wellness

Ms. Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts

Mr. Ben Pulaski, Minister of Faith Formation: Children & Youth

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Mr. Bradley Ross, Sexton

Mr. Tyler Campbell, Assistant Sexton

Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

Welcome!

We are happy you have joined us today for worship. We hope that in the coming hour of quiet, song, prayer, sacred scripture, and communal gathering, you will awaken more fully to God's presence in your life and the world around us.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located down the stairs as you first enter the front doors of the church.

Accessibility

Listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary for the hearing impaired. An after-worship coffee hour is held in Chidley Hall on the bottom floor of the church building. An elevator is located out the doors to the right of the front chancel area and down the hall. Please ask a greeter if you need assistance.

Childcare

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary! We appreciate the sounds of little ones among us. If you'd prefer, there is a professionally staffed nursery on the floor beneath the sanctuary. Ask a greeter if you need help finding it.

Family Room

There is also a comfortable room with sofas, chairs, carpet and an audio link to the service for when you need more room to attend to your family. It is located just outside the doors to the right of the front chancel area.

Children (Stepping Stones) and Youth Church School

Classes for children and youth in pre-k through 12th grade are taught during worship. Families begin the worship service together in the sanctuary. Children are then invited to join us at the front (if they are comfortable) for the Time for the Young. Afterwards, the children and youth are led to their classrooms by their teachers.

Get connected!

Please tell us about yourself and/or request a prayer by filling out a Welcome/Prayer Request Card found in each pew and place it in the offering plate when it passes. We look forward to getting to know you at Coffee Hour, held downstairs immediately following the service. You can also learn more about our community through our website and Facebook page:

www.fcc-winchester.org

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Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list