

Order of Worship

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Magnificat [c. 1740]

Francesco Durante (1684-1755)

Beth Welty, violin; Edward Wu, violin; Noralee Walker, viola; Sandi-Jo Malmon, cello;

Jeffrey Mead, organ; Susan K. Navien, Peter Owens,

Tony McPherson, Elizabeth Page, soloists

Gathering Music *Concerto in D (Op, VII, #11) – I. (Allegro)* Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
(tr. J.S. Bach)

Welcome Rev. Judy Arnold

A Moment of Silence

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Advent Candle Lighting Candle of Joy The McIndoe family

Choir: O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Congregation and Choir:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

***Processional Hymn** *Once in Royal David's City* NCH #145
Verse 1: Maire Claire, Sophie & Sarah DuBard
Verses 3 & 5: Congregation (please omit verses 2 & 4)

***Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer** Kathleen Zagata
(adapted from Joseph Fort Newton)

**O Heart of Hearts, our God, humbly we come to this sacred time and place, approaching
Your lowly manger, bringing the treasures of our hearts, seeking what is dearest to us,
hoping for things unborn, and held in secret steadfastness by a light that journeys
before us. We beseech You for grace to keep the hope of Christ's coming ever before
us, finding life's meaning in divine eyes that search our own and a child's hand
outstretched in the dawn; that we may learn a holier wisdom than even the wisest of this
world can teach, and worship You in spirit and truth until we are renewed in Your
image. It is in Jesus' name we 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 Word in Lessons and Carols (Congregation may remain seated)

Lesson Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 Rev. Judy Arnold

Carol "Magnificat anima mea"
(My soul doth magnify the Lord) Senior Choir

Lesson Isaiah 11: 1-2, 6-7, 9 Trevor Mahoney

Carol *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* PH # 131

Lesson A reading from Mary Oliver
Making the House Ready for the Lord Debbie Johnston

Carol "Et misericordia" - "Fecit potentiam"
(And His mercy endures from generation to generation.)
Susan K. Navien, soprano; Elizabeth Page, alto Senior Choir

Lesson Luke 1: 31-35, 38 Naomi Burhans

Carol *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
(Verses 1 & 4) PH #129

Lesson A reading from Jan Richardson
Gabriel's Annunciation Rev. Will Burhans

Carol *What Child is This?*
(Verses 1 & 3 only) PH#140

Lesson Luke 2: 1, 3-7 Steven Rohall

Carol "Deposit potentes de sede"
(He has put down the mighty from their thrones.) Senior Choir

Lesson Luke 2: 8-16 Hannah Lauterwasser

Carol *The First Nowell* PH #141
Verse 1: ALL
Verse 2: Women (ALL sing refrain)
Verse 3: Men (ALL sing refrain)
(please omit verse 4)
Verse 5: ALL

Offertory – Invitation and Prayer of Dedication Rev. Judy Arnold
"Suscepit Israel" - "Sicut locutus est"
(He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy.)
Tony McPherson, baritone; Peter Owens, tenor Senior Choir

Lesson A Reading from e. e. cummings
from spiralling ecstatically this Linda Alexander

Carol "Gloria Patri" – "Sicut erat in principio"
(Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.) Senior Choir

MUSIC NOTES

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This morning, the Senior Choir presents the church's annual *Festival of Lessons and Carols*, a beloved tradition from England wherein God's word is proclaimed and contemplated in a special sequence of readings, prayers, choral anthems and congregational carols and hymns.

The *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* is most affectionately connected to King's College in Cambridge, England, where it has graced the Chapel on Christmas Eve since 1918. As a special note, the beloved hymn, "Once in Royal David's City" has opened the Festival of Lessons and Carols since 1919. We thank the Dubard girls for once again lending their voices to this grand tradition. The service was first broadcast in 1928 and, with the exception of 1930, has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War, when the ancient glass (and also all heat) had been removed from the Chapel. Sometime in the early 1930's the BBC began broadcasting the service on the World Service. It is estimated that today there are millions of listeners worldwide. It has since been adapted and used by churches and schools all over the world.

In the *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*, we weave together scripture, poetry and song, calling on readers and musicians from all ages and stages. We trace a spiritual progression that carries us from prophecy to fulfillment, from Old Testament foretelling to New Testament celebration of the birth of Christ.

This year, we present Francesco Durante's *Magnificat*, scored for chorus, soloists and orchestra. The *Magnificat*, depicts a familiar story - that of maiden and angel - based on words attributed to Mary on learning both of her pregnancy and its significance to humanity. Myriads of composers have set this monumental text, with strength, grace and discipline, including Guillaume Dufay, Josquin des Prez, Charpentier, Pachelbel, Vivaldi, J.S. Bach, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Gounod, Bruckner, Vaughan Williams, Rachmaninov, Arvo Pärt – to name only a few compositional superstars.

Mary's elegantly exuberant prayer, sometimes called the "Song of Mary" or the "Canticle of Mary," is a spontaneous outburst in song – a response to God's call. Mary sings of her own experience, her own hope, and out of the experience and hope of her people as well. The Magnificat is a lovely expression of acceptance, of joy at God's promises kept, a celebration of the tables being turned, or overturned: the lowly are lifted up, the proud are brought down, and the hungry are fed. God remembers the people of Israel, and the promises God has made to them.

Francesco Durante (1684-1755) composed two versions of this *Magnificat* in B Flat - the four-part version that we perform today - and a more elaborate five-part version. The composition date of either version is unknown, but it is thought that both were written in the 1740s. Mystery and controversy have shrouded this *Magnificat*. Although scholars traditionally agree that Durante composed the work, in 1910 musicologist Giuseppe Radiccioli attributed the work to Giovanni Battista Pergolesi, Durante's talented pupil. That myth has haunted the work ever since. Today, the piece is firmly attributed to Durante, and his rendering of the Magnificat text is both a hymn of joy and thanksgiving. Durante, unlike his peers, distinguished himself as a composer of liturgical music. He was a Neapolitan, and it was the fashion among composers of the day to grandly produce operatic repertoire. This was not so for Durante, and this *Magnificat* represents his most significant piece.

The work consists of six movements with counterpoint in the first movement built upon the eighth psalm tone cantus firmus – the original Gregorian chant melody ("Magnificat anima mea Dominum" or "My soul doth magnify the Lord"). In each successive movement, overlapping, imitative melodic lines are carefully woven, using text, tempo and vocal color to lend each movement distinct and particular character. The recapitulation of the opening chorus at the end of a work was a growing practice for Neapolitan composers in the latter half of the eighteenth century. In the sixth movement we see this with an almost literal repetition of the opening material, this time using the "Sicut erat" (part of the Doxology: "As it was in the beginning") to complete the *Magnificat*.

We thank our marvelous instrumentalists (Beth, Edward, Noralee, Sandi-Jo and Jeffrey), our faithful and skillful soloists (Susan, Peter, Elizabeth and Tony) and choir for sharing their talents. And we thank each one of you for celebrating the season of Advent with us this morning!

In faith,
Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music and Worship Arts

TRANSLATION

Magnificat anima mea Dominum

My soul doth magnify the Lord :

Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my saviour.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae;

for he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden;

ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

Et misericordia a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo, dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

Deposuit potentes de sede et exaltavit humiles.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

Esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum recordatus misericordiae suae.

He remembering his mercy hath helped his servant Israel :

Sicut locutus est ad Patres nostros,

as he promised to our forefathers,

Abraham et semini eius in saecula.

Abraham and his seed forever.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**CHRISTMAS PLANTS WHICH GLORIFY OUR SANCTUARY
ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Sonny & Jessie Aiello, by Steve Haggett

William Cole, by Stephen Cole & Jane Ring Frank

Rose & Richard Crawford, by the Crawford family

**Blanche & Charles Frank,
by Stephen Cole & Jane Ring Frank**

Peter French, by Leslie & Vandy French and family

Family and Friends, by Phyllis & Paul Gleason

Stephen A. Moore, by Marjorie Moore

Hilly & George Nieuwenhuis, by their family

**Our sisters, Marion and Mary
by Rev. Dr. Ken Orth & George Paolucci**

**Joseph & Lorraine Pelleher,
by Jennifer & John Wilson**

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Roche, by Tom & Natalie

Ann Russell, by Ann's family

John P. Sawyer, by his family

Harriet & Caryl Sayre, by their family

**Our grandfather, Bumpa,
by Maggie & Lizzie Splaine**

**John Tomaszewski,
by The Smith Jajodia family**

**Miriam G. Troisi,
By Nick, Marcie, Melissa, and Emma Troisi**

Frank Wilson, by Jennifer & John Wilson

**Our Parents, George & Suzie Zimmerman and Joe & Gaby Forzese,
by Rick Forzese & Julianne Zimmerman**

**CHRISTMAS PLANTS WHICH GLORIFY OUR SANCTUARY
ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF:**

**Healers,
by Debbie Johnston**

**The military-serving and served,
by the Carbone family**

Anne Hoenicke, With deep gratitude by the Leadership Team



Saturday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

5 pm, Pageant/Family Service

10 pm, Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25th

10 am, Informal Worship

A brief and informal service of joyful singing
and Christmas reflections.

Appropriate for the whole family.

People We Are Praying for...

<u>Names</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Lynda Koser	For healing and courage as she fights kidney disease
Michael Caine	Healing from cancer
Maggie Keeler's family	For the death of her aunt, Veronica Nicholas
Family of Jack Pemberton, Nanci Church's father	In their grief
Mary Lynn Bukey, Michelle Stewart's mother	Healing
Bob Shirley	For strength and healing
Edie Burke's dog	Healing of her tendon and her spirits
Family of Harry Huff, Minister of Music, Old South Church	In time of grieving
Dory Cole Ogden, niece of Stephen W. Cole	For healing
Martha George	For healing and courage
Lucy Sanders	In her job search
Jessica Brand	For healing
Bruce Lauterwasser	For healing

Please let the Deacons or Ministry Team know if you have someone to add or remove from this list.

Upcoming Events

God's Grace at Work!

We celebrated stewardship on Pledge Sunday, November 13th, and watched a wonderful musical slideshow on Christian Education produced by Ben Pulaski and team. We are very excited to report that we are off to a great start! To date 104 pledges have been received totaling over \$453,000. That's 86% of our goal of \$525,000.

If you have already pledged, thank you for your generous and joyful giving. If you haven't yet, then please take a moment to fill out a pledge card and mail it to the Church care of Bruce Lauterwasser, Treasurer, or place it in the offering at worship today. Pledge cards and envelopes can be found at the back of the sanctuary when you walk in to church next Sunday. You can also send a confidential email with your pledge amount to first.congregational@verizon.net. Thank you. The Financial Resources Ministry

Service of Light

Join us for a time of prayer, candle lighting & music on Thursday, December 22 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Designed to move from darkness to hope, the service opens us to God's quiet presence. Come in the face of life's challenges, anxieties, and fears. Come when grief or loss disrupts life. Come to remember those whom we hold dear. Come during the rush of the holidays. Invite a friend or loved one facing difficulties. For a ride call by Dec 20: Health Ministry Office at 781-729-9180 ext:106.

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

Church Hearing after Sunday Worship.

A hearing will be held in the Palmer Room immediately after worship. The hearing topic is the Fisk Organ restoration and is in advance of a Special Congregational Meeting set for January 8, 2017. At the Church Meeting votes will be taken in regards to the organ project. Sunday's hearing will present information and invite questions from church members. At the end of the hearing there will be a progress update on the planning effort for renovations to Ripley Chapel. A Q&A will take place and some sneak previews of some early designs will be offered.

~The Fisk Organ Ripley Chapel Project Working Group.

SAVE THE DATE – Friday January 6.

That's Epiphany and we're celebrating it with a meal, an adventure, a couple of hymns and a chance to help children in Massachusetts find a place at the Inn – with the Bed for Every Child project. Details are in the all church email and will be in the Spire and on the Website.

Worship in January

In January 2017, we will worship in the Sanctuary with regular services – meaning the style of worship we celebrate the rest of the year. For four of those January Sundays, January 8, 15, 22 and 29, we will offer Bible Study before the service. Laurie Roby will lead the sessions which will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 9:45. Details about the theme will be available as they develop. We'll gather in the Henry Room. Bring your own coffee and enjoy it with a light breakfast snack.

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

[facebook.com/fccwucc](https://www.facebook.com/fccwucc)

Text FCCW to 22828 to join our email list