

First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097

Organized in 1806



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021 ~ 5:00 p.m.

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Words: John F. Wade, 1743; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841 and others
Music: John F. Wade, 1743; desc. David Willcocks, 1961

**O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:10,14

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. Music: Felix Medelssohn, 1840;
arr. William H. Cummings, 1856; desc. Paul Liljestränd*

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born 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."
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!**

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:5

“Joy to the World”

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 Music Attr. George F. Handel, 1741; arr. Lowell Mason, 1848

**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!**

Unison Prayer: We thank you, God, for your gift of Jesus Christ to the entire world. We thank you that Christ's coming makes hope, peace, joy, and love possible for every person in every nation. Encourage us to do our part to bring goodwill and peace to our families, our churches, our neighborhoods, and the world. Now let your Spirit put us in touch with you, the living God, through the words and music we share *tonight*. Amen

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-6

“Away in a Manger”

Words: Anonymous (19th century)

Music: Attr. James R. Murray, 1887; harm. LBW, 1978

Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:7

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Words: Phillips Brooks, 1868, alt. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shin-eth the ever-lasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:8-12

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Words: Edmund H. Sears, 1849 Music: Richard S. Willis, 1850

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,

from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:13-14

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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arr. William H. Cummings, 1856; desc. Paul Liljestränd*

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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."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!**

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:15-20

The First Noel

*Words: Tradition English carol (17th century)
Music: Traditional English melody; des. Healey Willan, 1926*

**The first Noel, the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!**

Message

Rev Nancy J White

“Silent Night”

Words: Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John F. Young, 1863

Music: Franz Gruber, 1818

**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 Al-le-lu-ia
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.**

Benediction

Go now in peace and be messengers of God's love and joy
in our world!

Staff

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Due to the Corona Virus-Covid-19, this service was held in-person and live streamed on YouTube with all CDC protocols in place.

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Jennifer Lyn Strattard
Our NYCC Family
Our wonderful musicians and choir

Gail Strattard
Anonymous
Anonymous

In Loving Memory Of

Donated by

John & Beth Ames
Diana Candage
Richard Brobst
Loved ones
Loved ones
Dick Maddox
Quentin McConnell
Cathy McGlinn
Edna Rosengren
Joyce Morin
Eileen Murphy
Those we have loved and lost
John "Jake" Strattard
Our Mothers

Pam & John Ames
Pam & John Ames
Priscilla Brobst & Family
Priscilla Brobst & Family
Lois Knight
Judy Maddox
Martha McConnell & Family
Mcglinn Family
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Norm & Donna Smith
Gail Strattard
Rev. White &
Sandra & Vince Golonka

Pet Place Pantry
In Memory of Tim

Jeanne Chadbourne