



Welcome to worship at United Church of Christ Norwell. Whether you are a member of our church, a frequent attendee, or a first-time visitor, know you are welcomed here. We hope you will find your time among us inspiring and leave feeling strengthened and transformed by the love of God in Christ.

Listening devices for the hearing impaired and large print bulletins are available. **Note:** if you remove both hearing aids to use a listening device, please store them apart from each other to avoid sound system feedback.

Activity bags are also available for children to use (a Deacon or usher can assist you). Audio of the worship service can also be heard in the library. Please note that a parent must remain with their child(ren) in the library to supervise them.

This morning service is being live streamed and available for viewing on our Vimeo channel and Facebook page.

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United Church of Christ Norwell

An Open and Affirming Church

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell John Kelso

Welcome Rev. Leanne Walt

Prayer of Invocation

Advent Candle Lighting Rev. Jean and Rev. Steve Vandergrift

*Hymn #122 *Comfort, Comfort You My People* GENEVA 42

Prayer of Confession (unison) Rev. Cynthia Stanton

God of tenderness and love,
 breathe Your grace into our lives.
 Forgive our wandering ways,
 and guide us along Your paths of peace.
 When we lose our way,
 and forget the reason and purpose of this season,
 carry us back to You.
 Lead us up to that high mountain of faith and hope,
 that we might truly proclaim:
 "Here is our God!"
 In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

~adapted from Ministry Matters

Let us now bring our silent confessions before a listening God.

Assurance of Grace
 "Comfort, O comfort my people," says our God.
 You have served your term. Your penalty is paid.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

