



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.

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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.

Visit the prayer chair in the back right corner of the sanctuary any time during our service. A prayer partner from our Healing and Wholeness Ministry Team will lay hands on your shoulders and silently pray for you

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

United Church of Christ Norwell

We are a Christ-centered inclusive community called to ministry.

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United Church of Christ Norwell

An Open and Affirming Church

December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

Call of the Bell

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Ashley Popperson

One: They thought themselves abandoned, no hope to be had. But,

All: Emmanuel was coming.

One: Though the journey was long and there was no room,

All: Emmanuel was coming.

One: Donkeys, Sheep, Shepherds, and Wise Ones gathered round.

All: Emmanuel had come.

One: Mary full of courage, God-bearer gazed into her baby's eyes.

All: Emmanuel had come.

One: All these thousands of years later, peace feels far off, hope seems a dream. But we know:

All: Emmanuel is with us.

One: Into this broken world, Christ comes. Into our oppression and grief, Christ comes. Let us offer ourselves to his service, Christ is here. Christ is here.

All: Emmanuel is with us. Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn Sing

During this time, members of the congregation are encouraged to shout out their favorite Christmas hymns. There will be a reading following each hymn.

Readings

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

“Clear Out the Cluttered Heart” by Thomas Troeger

“The Shepherd’s Wish List” by Sarah Klassen

“I Heard the Bells” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

We Respond to God’s Love

Prayers of the People

Rev. Ashley Popperson

Call to Offering

Rev. Leanne Walt

Please sign and pass the Red Book (in aisle seats) so we may greet each other by name.
If you are with us for the first time, please add your contact information.

Offertory

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Karen Harvey, piano

ADESTE FIDELES;
Arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Leanne Walt

The Lord’s Prayer and Passing of the Peace

We Depart to Serve

*Hymn

The First Noel v. 1, 2, 4

Traditional English carol

*Benediction

The Work of
Christmas
by Howard
Thurman

Rev. Ashley Popperson

When the song
of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

Postlude

Angels from the Realms of Glory
Karen Harvey, organ

REGENT SQUARE;
Arr. Kenneth Varner

* Please stand, as you are able

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