



WELCOME to worship at United Church of Christ in Norwell.

Whether you are a member or affiliate member of our church, a frequent attendee, or a first time visitor, we are truly glad you are here and invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship, growth and service. We hope you will find your time here to be meaningful and the congregation welcoming. At the conclusion of the postlude, please join us for conversation and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

LISTENING DEVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, AND LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE. An usher or deacon would be happy to assist you with any of these needs. A CD of this morning's service will be available for \$2.00 in the sound room (back left corner of the sanctuary), or you may borrow a copy through the church library.

Child care for infants through grade 2 is available downstairs in rooms 10 and 7.

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

Audio recordings of sermons are available online: uccnorwell.org.

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 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*Standing to praise God

WELCOME

Anne Marie Holloway

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen v. 1-3

English Carol

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Rev. Leanne Walt

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Wondrous God,

We confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love. Lift up our spirits Lord, and release us from the burdens that hold us captive. Help us to find comfort and joy in your promises. Help us to remember, that through you, we too can provide comfort and joy to another. Forgive us our transgressions and loosen the chains of doubt that bind us.

Hear our prayers...

(time for silent confession)

Assurance of Grace

God blesses you with new beginnings and new life.

Put aside your old ways and become new!

God gives a garland instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning.

Sing, dance, and rejoice!

Never forget the gift of God's redeeming grace.

You are forgiven!

You are loved!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

