

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Old South Church, United Church of Christ, Hallowell, Maine

Hybrid Worship, 10:00 am (Sanctuary)

In Person Greeter: Christine and Warren

Zoom Greeter:

Worship Assistant: Darlene and Galen

1st Sunday After Christmas

Announcements:

1. Contact Tracing at the Christmas Eve service—if you attended the Christmas Eve service in person and test positive for Covid in the next week, please contact the church office.
2. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Lots of Thank Yous for those who helped with the Christmas Eve service, which was—no surprise—a lovely service. A very big thank you to:
Musicians: to our singers and bell ringers for their efforts in providing lovely and meaningful music for the service
Brad—for not only managing the music elements, but recording and editing clips that were used during the service
Readers
Tech Support from Joseph
Galen—for coming early and sanding every bit of ice he could find to ensure our safety
Nancy and Ted—for gathering names and contact information for contact tracing
Melanie—for signing Silent Night
And, while we are offering thank yous, a big thank you to Cynthia for playing the hymn at today's service, while Brad is in Mexico (the country) attending a wedding.
3. Worship Service on January 2—we've received a request that we hold the January 2/Epiphany service in the sanctuary, before we move worship to the parish house. The Oversight Committee will make a decision on Tuesday or Wednesday and will let everyone know. Our move to the parish house is primarily a safety issue (for those who attended the Christmas Eve service in person, you are aware of how much ice can accumulate around the sanctuary building!). Oversight will review current conditions and will look at the weather forecast and use that information to decide.
4. Omicron—We are also keeping an eye on Covid developments. If it seems wise to move worship to Zoom only, or Zoom mostly, we'll let you all know.

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude *Wexford Carol* (Irish / arr. Douglas Wagner)

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lighting of the Advent Candle/Lord's Prayer Deb M

Lord's Prayer: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Special Music *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* (traditional)

Cynthia McGuire

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17

Story

Hymn #134 (Pilgrim) O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 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 shineth The Everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.

3 How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Mission Moment

Christine

Offering

Offertory: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Old South Ringers

Pastoral Prayer

Response

Blessing

Postlude *Voluntary on "In Dulci Jubilo"* (James Mansfield)

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