

**Welcome to
Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Hallowell, Maine
Hybrid Worship (In-person: Sanctuary)**

10:00 am– Announcement and Community Joys & Concerns

10:10 am– Worship begins

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

*No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Welcome

Prelude “In the Bleak Midwinter” Gustav Holst/arr. Gina Sprunger

Introit “The Baptist Shouts on Jordan’s Shore” *Winchester New*/Charles Coffin Choir

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord’s Prayer/Lighting of 1st Advent Candle

Leader: Erroll Adams, Jr.

Advent Candle Lighter: Deb Morgan

One: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Giver of Hope!”

Many: We come today with eager expectation.

One: Our feet are standing within God’s gates. Come, let us go up to the mountain, the Giver may teach us the way of peace.

Many: We come today with holy expectation. Our hands are lifted with grateful praise.

One: Let us pray. God of the faith that the bleak past taught us, God of the hope that the present has brought us, we call on you in this time of worship. We know that you need no invocation, for You are already and always with us– Emmanuel, God with us. We open our hearts to receive your gifts, for you are the Giver of hope, the Giver of peace, the Giver of Joy and the Giver of Love. As we light the candle of Hope, we pray that You will make your presence known and that we will experience the grace to make ourselves available to You. We continue in prayer, lifting up the words that Jesus taught his followers to pray:

Many: 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.

***Hymn and Lighting of Candles** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” NCH #116
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

[During the hymn, those attending in person are invited to come forward and to light one of the votive Advent Candles at the front of the sanctuary. Those on Zoom may light a candle and to keep it close by during the service.]

Scripture Romans 13:11-14

Sermon “Adventing” The Rev. Susan M Reisert

Anthem “When Will the Little King Come” Ruth Elaine Schram Choir

Mission Moment Christine Bartlett

Offering

Offertory: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” *Es Ist Ein Ros’*/John Purifoy

Doxology (Pilgrim #515)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Rick Dorian
Silence, Prayer, Musical Response

A Blessing for Pastor Rick Dorian

***Hymn** “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Pilgrim #103
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

***Blessing**

“Go Out With Joy” Mark Patterson Choir

Postlude “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach/arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

Fellowship

***Please stand, if you are able**

Call to Worship and Invocation adapted from Worship Ways at ucc.org.

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Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS!**ADVENT BEGINS TODAY!**

DEVOTIONAL CALENDAR— is attached to the email with today's bulletin. It's also available in print form if you attend worship in person. You may also pick one up at the church office.

ADVENT GATHERINGS— every Tuesday (at Noon) and Thursday (at 4:30), there will be a gathering to talk about Advent. We'll have a prayer together, light a candle and share/discuss our Advent journeys. The Tuesday gatherings will be hybrid (in person in the parish house). The Thursday gatherings will be Zoom only. We will **NOT** have a gathering on December 15.

Meetings This Week:**Tuesday, 11/29—**

Outreach Team at 10:30 on Zoom (Zoom link will go out early Tuesday morning)
Advent Gathering at Noon. Hybrid (use the Bible Bunch link)

Thursday, 12/1—

Advent Gathering. Zoom only (use Bible Bunch link).

PASTOR SUSAN'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE— REPORT

Want to find out what your pastor was up to during her leave of absence? **Please plan to stay after worship next Sunday, December 4.** It won't be a long series of slides! She'll talk about some of the highlights of her travels and will answer your questions.

OUTREACH NEWS

Outreach Fund Focus for November: Holiday Cheer

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY— the next one is Tuesday, December 6. The sign up will be available this coming Tuesday.

SUPPORT the Ministry of Old South:

1. Checks may be sent to the church PO Box 508, Hallowell, ME 04347 or directly to Wendy Wells: Wendy Wells, 9 Densmore Court, Hallowell, ME 04347
2. Online giving (credit card) is available through the Maine Conference. Please find the link on our webpage: <https://oldsouthhallowell.org/>

HANNAFORD PROGRAM: Next deadline: Dec. 11. Send to Wendy at the above address, or place in the offering plate. Please mark your check clearly for Hannaford.

HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER 27:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

New Century #116

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Child of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show, and help us in that way to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

3 O come, O come, O Adonai, who came to all on Sinai high,
And from its peak a single law proclaimed in majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

4 O come, O shoot of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny,
From depths of hell your people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide your heavenly home;
Make safe the path to endless day, to hell's destruction close the way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

6 O come, O Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here;
Love stir within the womb of night, and death's own shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

7 O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Make envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Pilgrim #103

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to thy glorious throne.