

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

December 4, 2022

Second 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 “Savior of the Nation, Come” *Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland*/D.Wagner

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

Call to Worship/Invocation/Lord’s Prayer/Lighting of 2nd Advent Candle

Leader: Christine Bartlett

Advent Candle Lighter: Don Reutershan

One: A shoot soon comes from Jesse’s stump, and a branch shall spring from roots.

Many: Rejoice! Rejoice! All God’s children. Let all the people give God praise.

One: A child soon comes from an innocent place; with wisdom and might he’ll lead the way.

Many: Rejoice! Rejoice! All God’s children. Let all the people give God praise.

One: Let us pray: God of the waiting wanderers in the wilderness, we enter this time of worship expecting and hoping to feel closer to your presence, O God. May we be renewed and strengthened to live more fully as your people. May righteousness flourish and peace abound. May your glory, O God, fill this place as we worship You in spirit and in truth. Let us begin by gathering in prayer lifting up the words 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** “Watcher, Tell Us of the Night” NCH #103
(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 Isaiah 11:1-10

Sermon "IAPOTA!"

The Rev. Susan M Reisert

Anthem "Let There Be Peace On Earth" Miller/Jackson arr. H. Ades Torrey Gimpel

Mission Moment

Christine Bartlett

Offering

Offertory: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes

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.*

The Sacrament of Communion

Introduction/Invitation

Hymn "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face" (verses 1 and 5)

Communion Prayer

Consecration

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn** "Christ Is the World's True Light"
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

Pilgrim #198

***Blessing**

"Go Out With Joy"

Mark Patterson

Choir

Postlude "Toccata on O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Veni, Veni Emmanuel*
Matthew McConnell

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!

This is the Second Sunday of Advent!

DEVOTIONAL CALENDAR— is available. You can pick one up in the sanctuary, if you are attending in person. If not, look through your emails (it was sent last Sunday night) or email 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, 12/6—

Advent Gathering at Noon. Hybrid (use the Bible Bunch link)

Worship Team— 3:30. Hybrid (link will be sent with the Tuesday News&Notes)

Thursday, 12/8—

Advent Gathering at 4:30. 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 TODAY, 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 December: Heating assistance

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER DELIVERY— the next one is Tuesday, December 6. The sign up link is in the Tuesday News&Notes.

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 December 4:**Watcher, Tell Us of the Night NCH #103**

1 Watcher, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, O a wondrous sight! See that aglory-beaming star!
Watcher, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel!

2 Watcher, tell us of the night, higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.
Watcher, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth!

3 Watcher, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, shadows take their flight, doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watcher, you may go your way; hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, I rejoice today, for Emmanuel has come!

Christ Is the World's True Light Pilgrim #198

1 Christ is the world's true light, Its captain of salvation,
The daystar clear and bright Of every man and nation;
New life, new hope awakes Where'er men own his sway;
Freedom her bondage breaks, And night is turned to day.

2 In Christ all races meet, Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete, From sunrise to its setting;
When Christ is throned as Lord, Men shall forsake their fear
To plough-share beat the sword, To pruning-hook the spear.

3 One Lord, in one great name Unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame That hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long, Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong, Come, Prince of peace, and reign.