



# Welcome to Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ Hallowell, Maine

## Hybrid Worship (in person: parish house)

**10:00 am– Announcements, Community Joys & Concerns    10:10 am– Worship begins**  
**January 4, 2026        2nd Sunday of Christmas**

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

## Announcements/Joys & Concerns

## Welcome

**Prelude**    "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"    arr. Larry Shackley

## Introit “Salisbury Introit” Mark Patterson

Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer Ron Bansmer

One: Extol the Holy One! Praise the God who protects, strengthens, and redeems!

**Many: God is the source of peace. God nourishes us with abundance.**

One: Extol the Holy One! Praise the God who protects, strengthens, and redeems!

**Many: The Holy One is the Still Speaking God, whose word reaches the hearts of the receptive.**

One: Extol the Holy One! Praise the God who protects, strengthens, and redeems!

**Many: Creator makes all things new and prepares our days. Praise the Holy One!**

One: Let us pray:

Many: Wise God, renew our minds so that we may be present with You as You are among us. Renew our spirits so that we may worship You and praise Your name. Renew our hearts so that we might be receptive to Your wisdom, correction, and call. In You, we find compassion and hope, courage and clarity, righteousness and grace. Surround us and forge us as a community committed to bring You honor and glory: 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 & Lighting of Candles “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Adeste Fideles) Pilgrim #132**  
(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 candles at the front of the sanctuary. Those on Zoom may light a candle and keep it close by during the service.]

**Psalm**      Psalm 147:12-20      p.582      Joel Johnson

**Scripture**      Ephesians 1:13-14      p.192

**Message**      "When Will It Begin to Look Like Christmas?"

**Special Music** "See Amid the Winter's Snow" John Goss/arr. L.Larson      William Brink, trumpet

### **Mission Moment**

**Offering** (for those who attend worship in person, you may come forward during the offertory, to place your offering in one of the offering plates)

**Offertory:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" arr. Lloyd Larson

**\*Doxology** (Pilgrim #515)

You may sing the traditional version or the inclusive language version:

*Traditional: 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.*

*Inclusive: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **The Sacrament of Communion**

Invitation

\*Hymn "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (Picardy)      NCH #345

Words of Institution & Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music "I Am Thine, O Lord" arr. Mary McDonald

Prayer and Response

\*Hymn      "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" (Nettleton)      NCH #459  
(words can be found on the Announcements page)

**\*Blessing**

**\*Benediction Response** "Go Out With Joy"      Mark Patterson

**Postlude** "Postlude in D"      Austin North

**Fellowship**

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

## **More Info/Contact Info**

The photo at the top of the bulletin is from Google Images.

The Call to Worship and Invocation are adapted from “Worship Ways” at [ucc.org](http://ucc.org).

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### **Old South Staff:**

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher

Ms. Cynthia McGuire, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Bradley Krueger, Music Director

Ms. Marcy Fullmer, Sexton

### **Announcements and Hymns for 1/4/2026**

**Welcome to Worship at Old South! We’re glad you are here!**

**OFFICE HOURS**—Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 - Noon.

### **MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

#### Tuesday

4:30      Bread of Life Dinner Delivery

#### Wednesday

4:00      Choir (new members welcome!)

**BIBLE BUNCH**— will meet January 13 and January 20 this month, at Noon, in the parish house and on Zoom.

### **SUPPORT the Ministry of Old South:**

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

**OUTREACH FUND FOR January:** Heating Assistance

**HANNAFORD PROGRAM:** Next deadline: January 11

## TODAY'S HYMNS

### O Come, All Ye Faithful

*(Adeste Fideles)*

Pilgrim #132

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;      *Refrain*

3 Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?      *Refrain*

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;      *Refrain*

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### Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*(Picardy)*

NCH #345

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand,  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in the hand,  
Christ our God to earth descending, our full homage to demand.

2 Monarch great, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth Christ stood,  
Lord of all, in human vesture—in the body and the blood—  
Christ will give to all the faithful bread of life for heavenly food.

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### Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

*(Nettleton)*

NCH #459

1 Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

2 Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,  
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,  
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.  
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

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