

# Order of Worship: A Festival of Lessons & Carols 12/16/18

**GLORIA, in D Major, RV 589 [c. 1713-17]  
Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)**

**Beth Welty, violin; Edward Wu, violin; Noralee Walker, viola; Sandi-Jo Malmon, cello;  
Jennifer Slowik, oboe; Jeffrey Mead, organ and harpsichord**

**Prelude** *Qui Sedes Ad Dexteram* Antonio Vivaldi  
(Seated at the right hand of the Father...)  
Susan K. Navien

**Welcome** Rev. Judy Arnold

**A Moment of Silence**

**Advent Wreath: Candle of Joy** The Tresselt Family

**\*Processional Hymn** *Once in Royal David's City* NCH #145  
Verse 1: Maire Claire DuBard  
Verses 3 & 5: Congregation (please omit verses 2 & 4)

**\*Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer** Kathleen Zagata

One: Wake us from our slumber, Holy God.

**All: Do not allow us to sleep walk through our lives but help us to stay alert and attentive to You, to others, to what is most needed.**

One: Make supple again our hardened hearts, Loving Christ.

**All: Give us the strength, wisdom and courage to love especially when lesser impulses stir in us.**

One: Call out from us a joyful noise, O Holy Spirit.

**All: Give us melodies and harmonies to sing together with all the earth, that our lives may be a symphonic response to Your amazing grace!**

One: It is in the Christ Child's name and in His words we pray...

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.**

**\*An Act of Praise** *Gloria in excelsis Deo* PH #116

**The Word in Lessons and Carols** (Congregation may remain seated)

**Lesson** Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 Rev. Judy Arnold

**Carol** *Gloria in excelsis* Senior Choir  
(Glory to God in the Highest)  
*Et in terra pax*  
(And peace to His people on Earth)

**Lesson** Isaiah 11: 1-2, 6-7, 9 Isaac Kneiss  
(Children are invited to head to their classes with their teachers during the singing of the hymn.)

**Carol** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* PH # 131

**Lesson** A reading from Mary Oliver Autumn Hendrickson  
*Making the House Ready for the Lord*

**Carol** *Laudamus Te* Senior Choir  
(We praise Thee)  
Susan K. Navien & Carol Weir, sopranos  
*Gratias Agimus Tibi*  
*Propter Magnum Gloriam*  
(We give you thanks for Your great Glory.)

**Lesson** Luke 1: 31-35, 38 Nancy O'Connor

**Carol** *Domine Fili Unigenite* Senior Choir  
(Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son...)

**Lesson** A reading from Jan Richardson Rev. Will Burhans  
*Gabriel's Annunciation*

**Carol** *What Child is This?* PH#140  
(Verses 1 & 3 only)

**Lesson** Luke 2: 1, 3-7 Russell Carter

**Carol** *Domine Deus, Agnus Dei* Senior Choir  
(Lord God, Lamb of God...)  
*Qui Tollis*  
(You take away the sins of the world.)

**Lesson** Luke 2: 8-16 Doug Taylor

**Carol** *The First Nowell* PH #141  
Verse 1: ALL  
Verse 2: Women (ALL sing refrain)  
Verse 3: Men (ALL sing refrain)  
(please omit verse 4)  
Verse 5: ALL

**Offertory – Invitation and Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Will Burhans  
*Domine Deus*  
(Lord God, Heavenly King)  
Susan K. Navien

**Lesson** A Reading from Howard Thurman Jeffrey Mead  
*Christmas Is the Season of Affirmation*

**Carol** *Quoniam Tu Solus Sanctus* Senior Choir  
(You alone are the Holy One...)  
*Cum Sancto Spiritu*  
(With the Holy Spirit in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.)

**Lesson** John 1: 1-14 Rev. Judy Arnold

**Silence**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Will Burhans

**\*Closing Hymn***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
(verses 1 & 3 only)

PH # 120

**Benediction**

Rev. Judy Arnold &amp; Rev. Will Burhans

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

(Please offer “peace” or “The peace of Christ” to your neighbor as you depart.)

**Postlude***Meine Seele erhebt den Herrn (BWV 733)*  
My soul magnifies the Lord (Luke 1:46)

J.S. Bach (1685-1733)

## Today’s Worship Service

**Special Thanks** this morning to our readers, choir, soloists, instrumentalists, organist, ministers, deacons and office manager without whom this service would not be possible.

**Sanctuary Flowers**

Today’s Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in honor of our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Connie & Peter Rosenberger.

**A Christmas Tradition of Joy!** Spread Christmas Joy by delivering poinsettias to members of our faith community at home and in local care centers. Plants will be available today after worship in the front of the sanctuary for delivery in the next few days.

**Ding dong merrily on high, church bells will be ringing!**

Have you ever wanted to ring an English Handbell? An opportunity is just around the corner: on December 23, at the conclusion of the worship service, the Carilloneers will be hosting a "Handbell Meet and Greet," **a Bell Petting Zoo of sorts!** All ages are invited to come up after the service and ring the bells. Newcomers will be encouraged to play some very simple Christmas carols. You don’t have to read music well. Give it a try – it’s really fun! If you would like more information about the Carilloneers, there will be a sign-up sheet available. Questions? Please contact Jane Ring Frank, [jringfrank@comcast.net](mailto:jringfrank@comcast.net).

## Meet Our Church

**First Congregational Church in Winchester, UCC, An Open and Affirming Congregation**

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*We are a Christ-centered, nurturing community: growing in faith, serving in love, welcoming all with joy.*

The Congregation, Ministers To The World

Rev. William Burhans, Lead Pastor

Rev. Judith B. Arnold, Associate Pastor

Ms. Kathleen Zagata, RN, MS, CS, Minister of Congregational Health &amp; Wellness

Ms. Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music &amp; Worship Arts

Mr. Ben Pulaski, Minister of Faith Formation: Children &amp; Youth

Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager

Mr. Tyler Campbell, Sexton

Mr. Ed Banzy, Building Manager

Mr. Bill Lewis, Custodian

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

**Thanks to Julia Daggett for design of the advent bulletin covers!**

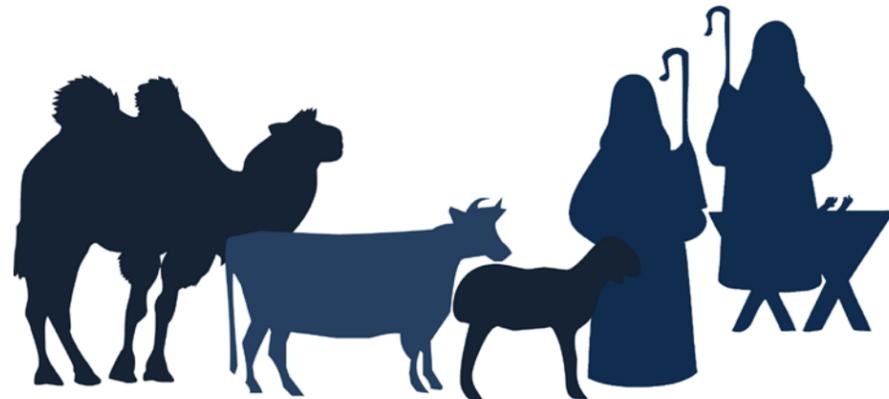
*People for Whom We Are Praying ...*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Beth Preston	For the loss of her husband Ted
Bruce Lauterwasser	For strength and healing during this current course of chemotherapy
Jodie Mullane and family	For the loss of her Step-father George Swartz
Candace Mullane	During her rehabilitation from CFS/ME (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome)
Alice, friend of John Keeley	For strength
Barbara Hoekelman	Healing and comfort
Rachel, friend of Mike Redding	For healing from cancer

*Please let the Deacons or Ministry Team know if you have someone to add or remove from this list.*

**When Christmas hurts, join us at the Service of Light  
Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the sanctuary.**

For many people, the approaching Christmas holidays does not bring with it the joy and happiness that is advertised on television or in greeting cards. They may be facing a holiday after the death of a loved one or after a divorce. Perhaps they have been unable to have a child, or experience a life changing illness, addiction or the aftermath of trauma. Perhaps they feel pressured and overwhelmed by holiday preparations. The Service of light remembers those who experience a loss of joy this holiday season. Designed to move from darkness to hope, the music, readings and candle lighting open us to God's quiet presence and the gifts of the season- peace, love and encouragement that sustains through the longest night. The service is a community wide event. Invite a friend or loved one experiencing difficulties. Childcare is available. For a ride, contact the Health Ministry Office by 12/18at (781) 729-9180. ext 106 or kathleenzag@gmail.com



## **Christmas Eve Worship**

**5 PM Candlelight Service & Pageant**

**10 PM Candlelight Service**

### **Christmas Plants which glorify our sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:**

Our parents Victoria & Dick Carbone and Anita & Clifford Witham, by Heather, Richard, Jessica, and Monica Carbone

John Cawston, by his wife Janice Wilson

Alyce & Ray Cooke, by Carole Cooke & Walter Ogier

Joe & Gabrielle Forzese, by Rick Forzese & Julianne Zimmerman

Benjamin Gallup, by Rick Forzese & Julianne Zimmerman

George & Martha Hebb, by Sarah Hebb Carpenter

Peter French, by his parents and brothers

Ingrid Jansen, by the Sansom family

Janet Harvey, by the Mahoney family

Paul Mahoney, by the Mahoney family

Parents & Grandparents, by the McPherson family

Jean & David Mortensen, by Katherine Mortensen & Geoff Morris

Mary & Paul Morris, by Katherine Mortensen & Geoff Morris

Elizabeth Morris, by Katherine Mortensen & Geoff Morris

Matthew Joseph Navien and Chuck Navien, by their loving family

Walt Ogier, by Carole Cooke & Walter Ogier

Donald Rohall and Myron Blasi, fathers of Steve and Alex Rohall, by Steve & Alex Rohall

Stephen Romano, by Janet Hall

Ann Russell, by Ann's family

John P. Sawyer, beloved Husband, Dad, Grampy, by the Sawyer family

Our parents, by Susan Dreyfus Sawyer and Andy Spiegel

Our grandfather, "Bumpa", by Maggie & Lizzie Splaine

Roger & Julia Smith, by Rick Forzese & Julianne Zimmerman

Elton & Virginia Smith, by Rick Forzese & Julianne Zimmerman

Chris & Ralph Stone, by their family

## Christmas Plants which glorify our sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of:

Our Ministry Team, by Ted & Marsha Lamson

Dorothy Rohall & Alice Blasi, mothers of Steve & Alex Rohall, by Steve & Alex Rohall

Nicholas Troisi Sr. Miriam Troisi and Gordon Duff, by Marcie & Nick Troisi

George & Suzie Zimmerman, by Rick Forzese & Julianne Zimmerman

The staff and Ministry Team and their care for the congregation, by the Tresselt family

“I have never heard anything so voluptuous and affecting as this music...in these delightful concerts.”  
(Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 1712-188, Genevan philosopher, writer, composer and Vivaldi fan.)

### A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS: *GLORIA*, in D Major, RV 589, Antonio Vivaldi

The *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* is most affectionately connected to King’s College in Cambridge, England, where it has graced the Chapel on Christmas Eve since 1918. The service was first broadcast in 1928 and, with the exception of 1930, has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War, when the ancient glass (and also all heat) had been removed from the Chapel. It has since been adapted and used by churches and schools all over the world.

In the *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*, we weave together scripture, poetry and song, calling on readers and musicians from all ages and stages, and trace a spiritual progression that carries us from prophecy to fulfillment, from Old Testament foretelling to New Testament celebration of the birth of Christ.

As a part of this year’s Lessons and Carols, the Senior Choir will present **Antonio Vivaldi’s much-beloved *Gloria in D Major, RV 589, with chamber orchestra, organ, harpsichord, chorus and soloists.*** *Gloria* in D Major, Vivaldi’s most significant sacred work, was probably composed sometime after 1713 and before 1717. In Venice, the Ospedale della Pietà was one of four significant charitable institutions, this one for orphaned or abandoned babies. As the babies grew up, the boys (few in number) were trained as craftsmen, the girls in lacemaking and laundering, unless they showed special musical talent. If they were musically gifted, they received the finest instrumental and vocal training imaginable. Vivaldi, known as “Il Prete Rosso” (The Red Priest, so called because of his flaming red hair) was contracted by the Ospedale as a part time instructor. He was never was able to convince the board of the Ospedale to offer him the more prestigious full-time position of Maestro di Coro. Only when the installed Maestro di Coro took ill was Vivaldi asked to stand in as substitute for him. It was during these years, from 1713-1719, and again in 1739, that he wrote sacred choral music for the Ospedale. The *Gloria* score was clearly intended for performance by the orphanage’s gifted chorus.

The twelve-movement *Gloria* is filled with rich contrasts of tonality, tempo, meter and rhythmic figures, homophonic and polyphonic textures, choral and solo contrasts, a range of musical means, and a panoply of mood opposites – exuberant and reflective, playful and somber, grandiose and tender, declamatory and universal. The result? Pure joy!

The opening movement, “Gloria in excelsis Deo,” establishes the triumphant key of D major with exuberant leaping octaves and momentum-building repetitions. In contrast, “Et in terra pax hominibus” is rich with chromatic shadows. “Laudamus te,” features two sopranos, doling out more lyrical exaltation. After two more choral movements, the solemn “Gratias agimus tibi” and the contrapuntal “Propter magnam gloriam,” a soprano aria unfolds: “Domine Deus, Rex coelestis.” For this slow and rapturous ode to the almighty, the soprano is joined by a solo oboe. The rhythmically galloping, “Domine Fili unigenite,” follows. The sumptuous minor-key “Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,” for soloist and chorus, is the only setting in the cycle where the chorus joins the solo singer, in responsorial style. The fleet and urgent “Qui tollis peccata mundi” is answered by the lush aria “Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris.” The chorus returns for the final two movements, “Quoniam tu solus sanctus,” a reprise of the first movement, and “Cum Sancto Spiritu,” a majestic double-fugue.

### **GLORIA TRANSLATION**

*Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,*  
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You, we give You thanks for Your great glory,

*Domine Deus, Rex caelestis [coelestis], Deus Pater omnipotens.*  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God Almighty Father.

*Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;*  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only-Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

*qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.*  
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

*Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.*  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*  
For You alone are the Holy One, you alone the Lord, you alone the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.