

Order of Worship

Prelude

Creator of the Stars of Night

arr. Michael Larkin (b. 1951)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

Candle of Joy

The Spring Family

Welcome/Invocation

Rev. Judy Arnold

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 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

*Gathering Hymn

Of the Parent's Heart Begotten (vv. 1-3)

NCH #118

The O Antiphons

An Introduction

O Wisdom

Scripture, Antiphon, Chant, Reflection

Verse

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things, far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Lord

Scripture, Antiphon, Chant, Reflection

Verse

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

O Root of Jesse

Scripture, Antiphon, Chant, Reflection

Verse

O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
unto thine own and rescue them!
From depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain

O Key of David

Scripture, Antiphon, Chant, Reflection

Verse

O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe for us the heavenward road
and bar the way to death's abode. Refrain

O Radiant Dawn

Scripture, Antiphon, Chant, Reflection

Verse

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

O King of Nations

Scripture, Antiphon, Chant, Reflection

Verse

O come, O King of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Refrain

O Emmanuel

Scripture, Antiphon, Chant, Reflection

Verse

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. Refrain.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Will Burhans

Offertory

*Closing Hymn

Creator of the Stars of Night (vv. 1, 2, 4)

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Announcements/Benediction

Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude

Nun komm, der heiden Heiland (BWV 661)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, **Rev. Judy Arnold**, Associate Pastor,
Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts, **Jeffrey Mead**, Keyboards
Kathleen Zagata, Minister of Health & Wellness,
Maggie Keeler, Interim Children's Program Coordinator

Thanks to Brian McArdle who is our Livestream Technician

Special thanks to our guest vocalist, Justina Golden!

Flowers

Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Caroline Sullivan Sheehy and Ruth Payne Marotta, by the Marotta family.

Please keep these people in your prayers

For the Mullane Family: Jodie's mother, Joanne, for increased physical stamina and healing; Mike Mullane, Denis's brother, diagnosed with colon cancer.

Family and friends of Joseph Keeley, John Keeley's uncle, in their grief.

Liam Brady Shanahan, newborn son of Katie and Alec Shanahan.

Stephen Cole, for peace in memory care.

Family and friends of Bruce Lauterwasser, in their grief.

Healing prayers for my mom Paula, and Dad Frank, Stepdad Joe and mate John, by Frank Guinane.

Brian O'Connor, Gretchen Clarke's cousin, facing surgery for a recurrence of cancer.

Elizabeth Thompson, her family and friends. We continued to hold Elizabeth and those she holds dear in prayer during her lengthy illness following a stroke.

Glenn McPherson, Tony McPherson's brother, for healing as he awaits a kidney transplant.

Olivia, for healing and help finding her way back to recovery.

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 Worship Service



RIPLEY PRESENTS

Songs for the Waiting

An Advent Serenade

Featuring Daniela Tosic, mezzo soprano
& Adriana Ruiz, soprano



Friday
Dec 17
7:30 pm

Tickets \$20



**Christmas
on the
Common**

**December 19
Sunday Morning
10:00 AM**

A Live Nativity Pageant for Children of All Ages
Join us on the Town Common!

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Christmas Plant Order Form

This year plants will cost \$20.00. All orders are due by Wednesday, December 15

I wish to purchase _____ plant(s), which will be

In ___ memory / ___ honor (please check one) of

Donor: _____

Please return this form with a check payable to First Congregational Church, to the church office, or place it in an offering plate in an envelope marked "Christmas plants".

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