

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

5:00 PM - December 24, 2023

Prelude *Morgen kommt der Weihnachtsmann* J.C.F. Bach (1732-95)

Welcome Rev. Maeve Hammond

Lighting of the Christ Candle The Holman Family

Opening Hymn *O Come All Ye Faithful* Pilgrim Hymnal #132
(vv. 1, 2 and 4)

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer/Gloria in excelsis Rev. Will Burhans

Time for the Young Maggie Keeler

Special Music *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* Music by Sara Groves
Addie Ehrbar, soloist Trad. text

Scripture Luke 2:1-7 The Little Family

Carol *Away in a Manger* Pilgrim Hymnal #137

Scripture Luke 2:8-14 The Little Family

Carol *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* Pilgrim Hymnal #120
(vv. 1 & 3)

Scripture Luke 2:15-20 The Little Family

Carol *Little Drummer Boy* Katherine Kennicott Davis
soloist: Nathan M.

Christmas Offering *Silent Night* arr. Dave Brubeck (1920-2012)

Reflection "Treasured" Rev. Maeve Hammond

Sharing the Christ Light
(The Deacons will move through the sanctuary to share the candlelight.
Please light candles by tilting the unlit candle toward the lighted one.)

Carol *Silent Night, Holy Night* Pilgrim Hymnal, #139

Closing Prayer Rev. Will Burhans

Closing Hymn *Joy to the World!* Pilgrim Hymnal #130

Benediction Rev. Maeve Hammond

Postlude *Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her* Bach
(BWV 700)

Accessibility & Navigation
We have an inductive hearing loop for those whose hearing aids have Telecoil.
Listening devices are also available in the back.

Special Christmas Offering

This year's Special Christmas Offering is dedicated to a local organization close to our hearts: The Outdoor Church. Based in Cambridge, MA, The Outdoor Church serves unhoused and housing-insecure neighbors in our community by providing them meals, supplies, memorial services, and companionship. As Scripture tells us, church is not a place but a people: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). FCCW has had a decades-long partnership with The Outdoor Church. In fact, Lisa Loughlin, Director of The Outdoor Church, was ordained at FCCW! We are pleased to continue to extend our support to them through our Christmas offering. We invite you to give as generously as you are able via gift envelopes in the pews or checks/Venmo made to First Congregational Church with a Special Christmas Offering notation. Blessings upon you this season!

Deacons serving today are: **Kate Carpini, Michelle Crawford, Andy Gallop, Eileen Morris, and Janet Vaughn**
Special Thanks to **Brian McArdle**, our Livestream Technician,
and **Jane Ring Frank** for Slide Advancement

Pledge & Offering

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