

## A CELEBRATION OF CAROLS, LESSONS, AND LIGHTS

PRELUDE *Change Ring Prelude on "Divinum Mysterium"*  
Fred Gramann (b. 1950)  
The Carilloneers, Jeffrey Mead, *Director*

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Will Burhans

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Tresselt Family

\*HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Pilgrim Hymnal #132

\*GATHERING PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, GLORIA Rev. Maeve Hammond

THE CHRISTMAS STORY (Congregation may remain seated)

Lesson I Isaiah 9:2-7 Maggie Keeler  
Luke 2:1-7 Georgia Keeler

Anthem *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. Dan Forrest  
Jennifer Slowik, oboe Text: Phillips Brooks (1868)

Lesson II Isaiah 60:1-3; 18-20 Matt Kahl  
Luke 2:8-14 Suzy Kahl

Carol *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* PH #129  
(vv. 1, 2, 4)

Lesson III Isaiah 11:1-9 Gavin Valeriano  
Luke 2:15-20 Joani Valeriano

Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High* PH # 116  
(vv. 1 & 2)

## THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem *Wexford Carol* arr. Elaine Hagenberg

SERMON "The Secret of Christmas" Rev. Will Burhans

## THE SHARING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(The Deacons will move down the aisles lighting candles. Please light your candles by tilting the unlit candle toward the lighted candle.)

CAROL *Silent Night* PH #138

CLOSING PRAYER Rev. Maeve Hammond

\*CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World!* PH #130

BENEDICTION Rev. Will Burhans

CELEBRATION OF THE BELLS The Carilloneers

POSTLUDE *In Dulci Jubilo* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
[BWV 729]

*Special thanks to Jennifer Slowik, oboist*

## Accessibility &amp; 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: Andy Gallop, Petra Sansom, Liz Sayre, and Branda Wilhoite**  
**Thanks to Brian McArdle, our Live Stream Technician and Chris French for Slide Advancement.**

### Pledge & Offering

Scan QR codes below, or visit the offering plate for cash or check. The QR code in the middle is the Pledge Form.



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Rev. Maeve Hammond, Associate Pastor

Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Worship & the Arts

Maggie Keeler, Minister of Children & Families

Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Sarah Marino, Office Administrator

Ed Banzy, Building Manager

Bill Lewis, Building Superintendent

Jose Foronda, Bookkeeper

Brian McArdle, Live Stream Technician

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