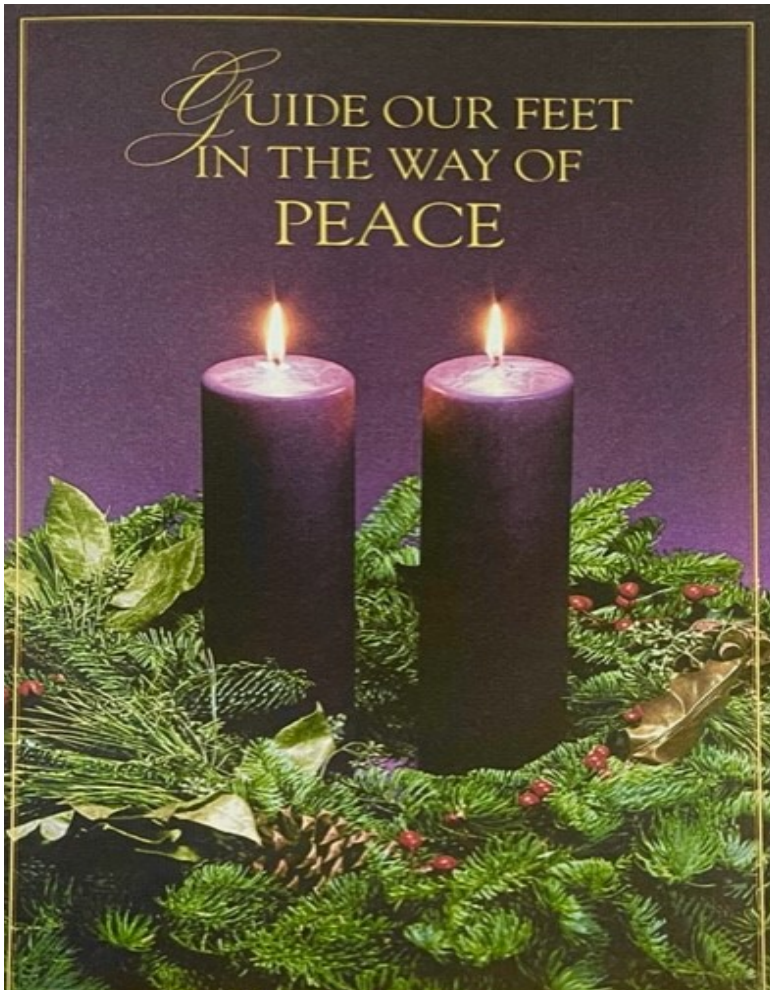


Church on the Cape

United Methodist Church



December 4, 2022
2nd Sunday of Advent

CHURCH ON THE CAPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING Susie Goodwin
WELCOME & ANNOUCMENTS Rev. Sammie Maxwell
Alternative Christmas Giving Priscilla Campbell-Wyman
Basket Thank You Debora Berry

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please Stand in Place)

PRELUDE "He Shall Feed His Flock"
Handel/ Leatherman
Nancy Chamberlin, piano; Beryl Samia, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Sammie

Leader: The kingdom of heaven has come near.

People: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Leader: It is a kingdom of peace and justice.

People: Let us bear fruits worthy of repentance.

Leader: The kingdom of heaven has come near.

People: Let us rejoice and give to God our thanks and praise.

*HYMN " O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines" UMH # 729

A PRAYER OF ADVENT Rev. Sammie
O God of all peoples, sovereign of all tribes and nations and all creation, hear our prayer: Open our hearts to the love that you showed us with the birth of the Christ-child; open our hearts to one another, that we may live together in peace and concord; open our hearts to all who suffer, to all who are in need, and to all who are oppressed. And bring to fulness among us, we pray, your kingdom of peace and justice and righteousness. Amen.

CHORAL MEDITATON "Go Tell It On the Mountain"
Traditional Spiritual
arr. Lloyd Larson

GOOD MORNING TO THE CHILDREN Pastor Sue Ellery
The Candle of Peace

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Pastor Sue Ellery
We light this candle, as a symbol of Christ our Peace
May the light shine in the darkness and show us the way.

THE 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

*HYMN

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

UMH # 431

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-10
Matthew 3:1-9

Rev. Russ Pregeant

SERMON

“The Power of Imagination”

HYMN

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

UMH # 240

HOLY COMMUNION (See Insert)

OFFERTORY

**“Sing We Now of Christmas/
God Rest Ye Merry ,Gentlemen”**

arr Brant Adams

Ted Hagarty, clarinet; Nancy Chamberlin, piano

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you offer us a gift beyond price. Your Son is like the sweet kiss of rain on a barren land. May the gifts we bring before you this day hasten the day when none shall hurt or destroy on all your holy mountain.

(Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Manual, 2022 by Abingdon Press. Used by permission.)

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

BENEDICTION

May the God of peace be with us all, as we wait in hopeful expectation for the birth of the Christ-child and the coming of the new creation in which that peace shall reign in our hearts and over all the world.

POSTLUDE

“Noel Festival”

arr Lloyd Larson

Wendy Hagarty, trumpet; Ted Hagarty, clarinet; Beryl Samia, organ

Parish Notes

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us **December 10th at 2:00** here at COTC, “The Divas of Gospel” will present a free concert of bluegrass, soul, and gospel music and of course Christmas music! This concert is sponsored by the Keith McClelland Community Music Foundation. Come and enjoy a toe tapping, hand clapping good time. This is free and open to the public. Bring your friends. Everyone is welcome!

SENIOR MOMENTS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Looking for a fun and festive way to ring in the holiday season? Please plan to join the Senior Moments Choir for an afternoon of music and merriment. Warm up your voice for an audience “Christmas Carol Sing-Along”, and enjoy the festive sounds of the season. Please come and share the gift of music with us this Christmas! **Save the Date: Wednesday, December 14 @ 4 PM at Church on the Cape.**

CHURCHWIDE ADVENT STUDY INFORMATION

Names for the Messiah

By Walter Brueggemann

All are invited to join in this churchwide Advent study. The book is an Advent/Christmas gift from your pastor. If you would like to be part of the Discussion Groups we will meet:

December 8, 10:00 AM—11:15 AM

December 15, 10:00 AM—11:15 AM

December 22, 10:00 AM—11:15 AM

ALTERNATIVE GIVING

The Missions Outreach Committee is once again offering Alternative Giving Gift Cards. Every donation comes with an honor card to let your gift recipient know their holiday gift is providing support to community members in Kennebunkport and beyond. They are available for sale on these dates: December 4th, December 11th &, December 18th.

Please Pray for the Following People:

The Hutchins Family on the Death of Maurice

Dani Ilinc	Debbie Parsons
Pinkie Russell	Rev. Joe Crocker
Terry Moulton	Mike Nelson
Steven Horan (<i>David Emery</i>)	Roberta Sanborn
Jeanne Howarth	Elaine Grubbs
Holly Ross	Janet Crandall
Douglas Lovejoy	Nick Marcoccio
Keith Chisholm	Heather Chisholm
Maurice Hutchins	Patty Hutchins
Nicholas LaCour	Brett LaCour
Sally Leach	Douglas Lovejoy
Peter Brewer	Bob & Sally Ewton
Erik Woodward	Elaine Triplett and Bob McLaughlin
David Emery	
David Smith (<i>Karen Holt Steitz's Son in Law</i>)	
Koleson (<i>Rev. Nonie Freeman's Nephew</i>)	

Birthdays This Week

December 5	Doug Coleman
December 6	Bill Lord & Steve Russell
December 7	Rich Parsons
December 8	Sandra St. Jean
December 9	Priscilla Campbell-Wyman
December 10	Janet Acker

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., 12/4	9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 1:30 PM	Hymn Sing Worship Coffee Hour Communion at Huntington Commons
Mon., 12/5	1:00 PM	Senior Moments Rehearsal
Tue., 12/6	11:30 AM	Lunch Together (Bring Your Own Food)
Wed., 12/7	10:30 AM 3:45 PM	Needle Crafters Senior Moments (Meet in Sanctuary)
Thu., 12/8	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Ministry of Caring (Bartlett Hall) Advent Bible/Book Study (Parlor of Peace) Worship Committee Meeting Choir Rehearsal
Sat., 12/10	2:00 PM	The Divas of the Gospel Concert

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun., 12/11	9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM	Hymn Sing Worship Coffee Hour SPRC Meeting
Mon., 12/12	1:00 PM	Senior Moments Rehearsal
Tue., 12/13	8:30 AM 11:30 AM 12:30 PM 7:00 PM	Evangelism Committee Meeting Lunch Together (Bring Your Own Food) Education Committee Meeting Finance Committee Meeting
Wed., 12/14	10:30 AM 4:00 PM	Needle Crafters Senior Moments Christmas Concert
Thu., 12/15	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Advent Bible/Book Study (Parlor of Peace) Choir Rehearsal



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Everyone is welcome at Church on the Cape, UMC, without exception. What matters most to us and what unites us as a vibrant, compassionate community of faith, is the assurance that we are all beloved children of God and of sacred worth to our Creator. Come as you are and join us on our faith journeys as we seek to the make followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Thank you to all the parishioners who donated a “theme basket” towards the Christmas fair. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Blessings to everyone this holiday season.

May God’s Grace Be With You All.

-The Christmas Fair Committee

Beverly Bangs

Graceanne Barbour

Debora Berry

Ruthie Clark

Joan Cole

Rev. Nancy and Sharon Collins

Bruce Donath

Susan Ellery

Debbie Hamel

Susan Hathorne

Annie Hidell

Rev. Sammie Maxwell

Allison Majkowski & Jane Vitanza

Cynthia Nickel

Armit Pak

Mary Parker

Carol Schoener

Jane Smith

Judy Tripp

Nancy Viehmann