

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 5

10:00 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary
Holy Communion
Nursery - Room 10
Church School - Todd Hall

11:00 am Coffee Hour
Decorating the Angel Tree

11:15 am Youth Group - Gingerbread
decorating -Kitchen

Wednesday, December 8

7 - 8:30 pm Labyrinth in Narthex
7:00 pm Blue Christmas - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 9

1:00 pm Bible Study - Fireside Room

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

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Alison O'Connor, Church Administrator



“A PLACE AT THE TABLE (PEACE)”

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00 AM

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Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

We Open the Door

Peace Waits for Us at Advent

Rev. Nancy

**Peace waits for us at Advent
Peace waits for us to rest.
Peace waits for our acceptance
of the truth that we are blessed.
In this time of preparation
for the work of co-creation,
for the birthing of a world
of gentleness and play.
Peace is born in us each day!**

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Kamden Mauser

The Peace

Rev. Nancy: The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Opening Hymn

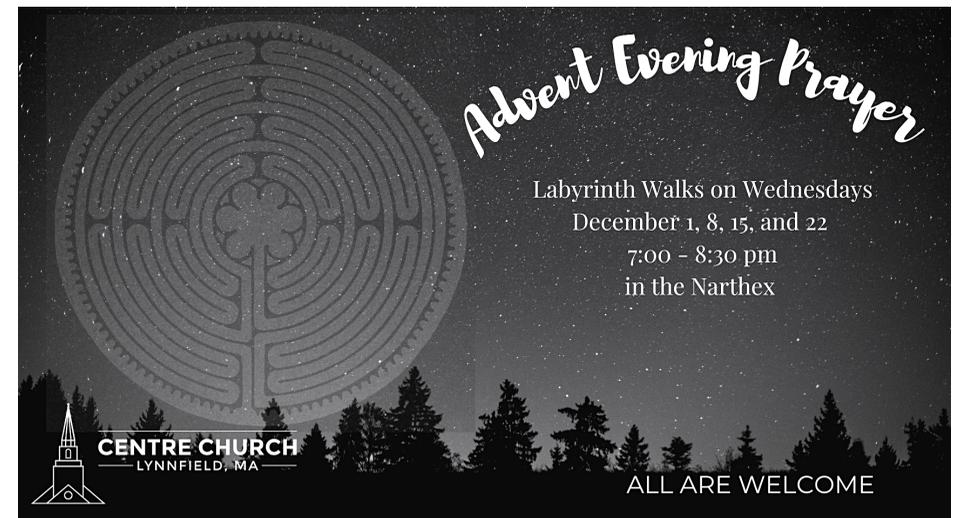
People Look East

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Our ushers this morning are Ann and Dwight Decker. We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please join us for coffee, refreshments and decorating the Angel Tree following the service.

We are thrilled to welcome back Noel Smith as our guest accompanist today. Noel will also be playing carols for us as we decorate our Angel Tree after worship. Thank you, Noel!

This morning's altar flowers have been given in memory of Charles and Charlotte Kilgore by their family.



All are welcome to experience evening, candlelit walks on the labyrinth to cultivate hope, peace, joy, and love this Advent. No matter who you are or what faith you live by, or don't, you are welcome to experience this ancient spiritual practice to center yourself in the midst of the busy holiday season and the ongoing stress of pandemic.

Make of my life a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for hope to live and grow.

Make of our church a stable,
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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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Rev. Nancy

*Hymn of Praise (unison)

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Living God, whom we adore

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Invitation

The Holy One be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Remembrance

Prayer of Communion

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of love and belonging, we thank you for assuring our place at this table and at every table set in your name. Out of our gratitude may we forever be adding another place and another for our siblings and for strangers until the day when every table is filled with your bounty and set amid your kingdom of justice and peace. In the holy name of Emmanuel we pray, Amen.

Closing Carol

Introduction

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

#16 (booklet)

Benediction

Postlude



Join us after worship today to decorate our Angel Tree!



If you're not feeling particularly holly jolly this year; if you're feeling lost or lonely; if you're grieving or just feeling down; or if you're looking for moment of peace, a bit of hope, a sprig of trust, a seed of caring, our **Blue Christmas** service is for you. Join Rev. Nancy, Larainne Wilson, and Noel Smith, Wednesday, 12/8, at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary or via livestream.

Mini Message

Make Room for Peace

Rev. Nancy

Children may come forward, masked, to participate in the Mini Message

They will return to the sanctuary in time for Communion.

First Reading

Baruch 5: 1-5 (CEB)

Kamden Mauser

Anthem

For Eveyrone Born

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11 (CEB)

Kamden Mauser

Sermon

"Your Place at the Table"

Rev. Nancy Rottman

Prayers of the People

Make of My Heart a Stable

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