

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 19

10:00 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary
Nursery - Room 10
Church School - Todd Hall
11:00 am Coffee Hour
6:00 pm Christmas Concert - Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 22

7 - 8:30 pm Labyrinth in Narthex

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm Worship for all ages, Candles, Lessons and Carols
Sanctuary and Livestream
11:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion
Candles, Lessons and Carols - Chapel

CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

The Rev. Nancy Rottman, Senior Pastor

Laraine Wilson, Director of Faith Formation

Douglas W. Hodgkins, Organist/Choir Director

Leah O'Brien, Director of Tower Day School

Alison O'Connor, Church Administrator



"A ROOM WITH A VIEW (LOVE)"

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00 AM

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Prelude

A Christmas Lullaby

Blake

Greetings and Announcements

Musical Meditation

Love Came Down at Christmas

Traditional Irish Melody [GARTAN]

Lauren Patriquin-Muise, Cellist

Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
star and angels gave the sign.

Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and others,
love for plea and gift and sign.

We Open the Door

Love Waits for Us at Advent

Rev. Nancy

**Love waits for us at Advent
Love waits for us to care.
Love waits for our compassion
freely offered, freely shared.
In this time of preparation
for the work of co-creation,
for the birthing of a world
where faith shapes all we do.
Love is born in us anew.**



Join us tonight at 6 pm for our Annual Christmas Concert

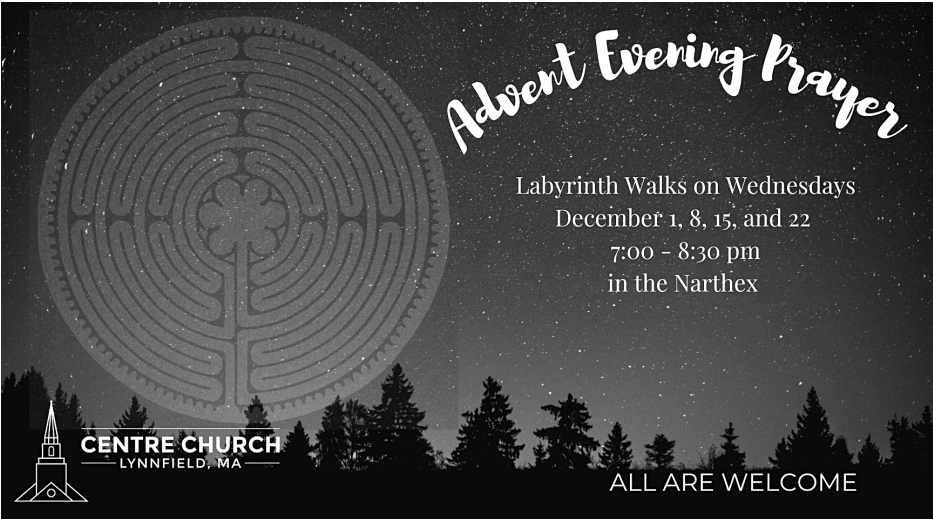




Our ushers this morning are Bill Seelig and Phil Fisher. We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning. Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service hosted by our Mission and Outreach Ministry Team

We thank all who ordered poinsettias for our festive display. We give thanks for Laurel and Peter Caputo for decorating the sanctuary for this morning. We thank all who will be delivering poinsettias to those in need of Christmas love from Centre Church.

The white poinsettias and other arrangements are a donation from the Skelley family in memory of Douglas M. Skelley, whose life we remembered here at Centre Church yesterday. We thank them for their generosity in donating the flowers for our Fourth Advent and Christmas Eve worship.



All are welcome this Wednesday evening for the last opportunity to walk the labyrinth this Advent. Our labyrinth will return for the Lenten season and in the spring we'll be hosting the labyrinth in conjunction with Lynnfield for Love at one of their Community Coffee Dates. See the article about our labyrinth in the 12/16 edition of the Lynnfield Weekly News.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love

CC Ragalevsky

The Peace

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

Opening Hymn

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

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Mini Message

Make Room for Love

Larainne Wilson

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

First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a (CEB)

CC Ragalevsky

Anthem

To A Maid, Engaged To Joseph

Grindal/Edwards

Second Reading

Luke 1: 46-55 (CEB)

CC Ragalevsky

Sermon

"Love Songs"

Rev. Nancy Rottman

Prayers of the People

Make of My Heart a Stable Udis-Kessler

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

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

Make of our church a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for love to live and grow.

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 Rev. Nancy

Offertory

That Glorious Christmas Morn Hodgkins

***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

Closing Carol

Introduction Annmarie Pendola

O Come, All Ye Faithful #19 (booklet)

Benediction

Postlude

Gloria In Excelsis Deo Kendall