



First Sunday of Christmas

January 1 at 10 am
in the Chapel

Come ring in the New Year with
storytelling and carol singing



Star Sunday

January 8, 2023



CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

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CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 PM

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December 24, 2022

Prelude		
Carols of the Stable		Broughton
Christmas Greeting		
Reflecting the Sacred		
Lighting the Candles of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace		
Opening Hymn		
<i>Joy to the World</i>		(booklet) #17
The Story Reflected		
Luke 2: 1-20	(The Voice translation)	Rev. Lori Wyckoff
Carol	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	#23
The Birth		Larainne Wilson
Anthem	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	Kirkpatrick/Arr. Rouse
The Shepherds (Part 1)		
Carol	The First Nowell	#25
Angels		Frank Barbieri
Carol	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	#7
Shepherds (Part 2)		
Carol	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	#19

Joy to the World
1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.



Silent Night
1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.



O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye,
O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels.

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord

See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks,
draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps.

What Child is This?

1 What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

2 Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

The Holy Family

Frank Barbieri

Carol

What Child is This?
verses 1,2

#24

The Christmas Offering

Call to the Offering

Laraine Wilson

Offertory

Christmas Quodlibet

Peninger

*Doxology

TUNE: Greensleeves

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God all heavens and the earth
reflecting the sacred story.**

**This, this is Christ the One
who mirrors peace for all of us.
Haste, haste to bring him laud
the Word of time eternal.**

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Lori Wyckoff

A Story for All Ages

TESS, THE TENDER-HEARTED CAMEL

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Narrator: CC Ragalevsky
Stella: Autumn Wilson
Saba: Sam Ragalevsky
Lumpy: Aiden Wilson
Tess: Elizabeth Riester

Carol

What Child is This?
verse 3

#24

The Word

John 1:1-5

Rev. Lori Wyckoff

Sharing the Light of Christ

Carol

O, Holy Night
Camille Hodgkins, Soprano

Adam

As “O Holy Night” is sung, the ushers will light their candles from the Christ candle and will move down the aisles passing the light to each row. To light your candle, tip your unlit candle into the upright flame of the lit candle. When all the candles are lit, we will join together in the singing of “Silent Night.”

Carol (seated)

Silent Night, Holy Night

#12

Please extinguish your candles and stand as you are able for the
Benediction

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Postlude

Joy to the World

Arr. Ritter

Our Christmas Offering: Your generous support helps continue and strengthen the ministry of Centre Church which touches many lives both in the local community and throughout the world through various local and international organizations and the United Church of Christ.

Our ushers this evening are George Hayden, Lauren Patriquin-Muise, Jeff Law, Mike Rottman. Our Light Dimmer is Linda Ladd.

O Little Town of Bethlehem
O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

The First Nowell
The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay,
in fields where they
lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night
that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
born is the King of Israel.

They look-ed up
and saw a star
shining in the east
beyond them far;
and to the earth
it gave great light,
and so it continued
both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
born is the King of Israel.

Angels We Have Heard On High
Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo,
gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.