

At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
North Attleborough, MA | December 6, 2020



WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - "The Friendly Beasts"

*Jesus our brother, strong and good
Was humbly born in a stable rude
the friendly beasts around him stood
Jesus our brother, strong and good.*

*"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
"I carried his mother up hill and down;
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town."
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.*

*"I," said the cow, all white and red
"I gave him my manger for his bed;
I gave him my hay to pillow his head."
"I," said the cow, all white and red.*

*"I," said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave him my wool for his blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."
"I," said the sheep with curly horn.*

*"I," said the dove from the rafters high,
"I cooed him to sleep that he would not cry;
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I."
"I," said the dove from the rafters high.*

*Thus all the beast by some good spell
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel,
The gifts they gave Emmanuel.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - PEACE

OPENING PRAYER



PREPARING TO LISTEN “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!*

SCRIPTURE – John 14:27

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SERMON – “Glimpses of Peace”

*(During the sermon we will be celebrating communion. All are welcome to join in.
Just have something ordinary and every day to eat and drink)*

PREPARING FOR PRAYER – “Silent Night”

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and the LORDS 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.

CHORAL RESPONSE



TIME OF OFFERING

GIFT OF SONG – “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

BENEDICTION

Our worship has ended, let our service begin!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER–12/6/2020

OFFERING LAST WEEK: **\$2,720.37 – \$1,353.06 more** than budget

OFFERING 2020 TO DATE: **\$450 more** than budget

END OF OCTOBER (83% of the year):

✠ FUNDRAISING INCOME: **17%** of annual budget

✠ TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME: **60%** of annual budget

✠ TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES: **61%** of annual budget

When we were meeting together for worship in the sanctuary, we would include an envelope in the bulletins on the first Sunday of each month asking for donations to support the Oldtown Deacons Fund. In addition to paying for the communion elements and the donuts and coffee for fellowship, the deacons fund also supports the other activities of the deacons, including subscriptions to The Upper Room devotionals and other outreach and support that the deacons continue to do while we are apart.

We ask that you consider continuing to support the Deacons Fund by making a donation online at <https://www.oldtownucc.org/giving> and selecting “Deacons Fund” in the “Give To” dropdown list, or send a check to the church with “Deacons Fund” in the memo line. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”

~ **Matthew 25:37-40 (NRSV)**