

# At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
North Attleborough, MA | December 13, 2020



## BREATHE

### WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - “Joy to the World”

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart, prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - Joy

PRAYER FOR JOY



## SHARE

PREPARING TO LISTEN “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

*Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!*

SCRIPTURE – Psalm 5:11

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## REFLECT

SERMON – “Glimpses of Joy”

PREPARING FOR PRAYER – “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel*

*God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.*

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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

CLOSING HYMN– “How Great Our Joy!”

*While by the sheep we watched at night, lo there appeared an angel bright.*

**REFRAIN -**

*How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Glory to God who reigns on high! Glory to God who reigns on high!*

*Born is the child in manger small. Whom God has sent to save us all.*

**REFRAIN**

*Go you this night and you shall find the Savior born for human kind.*

**REFRAIN**

*Jesus the gift from heav’n above, fills all our hearts with joy and love.*

**REFRAIN**

BENEDICTION

*\*\*Our worship has ended, let our service begin!\*\**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER–12/13/2020**

OFFERING LAST WEEK: **\$1,546.31 – \$179.00 more** than budget

OFFERING 2020 TO DATE: **\$475 more** than budget

**END OF NOVEMBER (92% of the year):**

✠ FUNDRAISING INCOME: **19%** of annual budget

✠ TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME: **66%** of annual budget

✠ TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES: **67%** of annual budget

**BUDGET POSITION AS OF END OF NOVEMBER: \$1,200 loss**

Thank you to everyone who has given to support the Oldtown Church. Our offerings for the year have kept pace with our budget, for the most part, which is quite an accomplishment given the challenges that 2020 has brought us. As you can see from the numbers above, our income is significantly less than what we budgeted for the year, largely due to our inability to hold our usual fund raising events. Luckily, we have been able to keep our expenses lower than usual, which so far has reduced the impact of the shortfall in income.

As we close out the year, please consider making a pledge to support your church in the coming year. Pledges help us forecast for the coming year and let us know the ways you're interested in being involved with the church. You can go to <https://www.oldtownucc.org/pledge> and either complete a form online or download and print a copy of the form and mail it to the church.

*“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.’”*

~ **Luke 2:10-11 (NRSV)**