

At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
North Attleborough, MA | December 20, 2020



BREATHE

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - "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?*

Chorus:

*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.*

[Chorus]

*3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, rich and poor to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.*

[Chorus]

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - Love

PRAYER FOR LOVE



PREPARING TO LISTEN “The First Noel”

*The first Noel, the angels did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in field where they lay.
In field 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.*

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NT p217



SERMON – “Glimpses of Love”

PREPARING FOR PRAYER – “Away in a Manger”

*Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.*

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 MUSIC

BENEDICTION

Our worship has ended, let our service begin!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER–12/20/2020

OFFERING LAST WEEK: **\$1,167.08 – \$200.23 less** than budget

OFFERING 2020 TO DATE: **\$275 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

From all of us in the Stewardship Ministry, we wish you a blessed Christmas, a happy new year, and health and peace of both body and spirit throughout the coming year!

“In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

*‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’”*

~ Luke 2:8-14 (NRSV)