

At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
North Attleborough, MA | December 27, 2020

WELCOME

Carol: "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!*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

REFLECTION: "The Gift of Giving"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:31-40

RE-LIGHTING OF OUR ADVENT CANDLES

CANDLE OF HOPE

Carol: "The First Noel"

*The first Noel, the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where 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.*

CANDLE OF PEACE

Carol: "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.*

CANDLE OF JOY

Carol: "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*

CANDLE OF LOVE

Carol: "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 LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

GIFT OF SONG "Go Light Your World"

THE CHRIST CANDLE

Carol: "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!*

BENEDICTION

Our worship has ended, let our service begin!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER–12/27/2020

OFFERING LAST WEEK: **\$854.18 – \$513.13 less** than budget

OFFERING 2020 TO DATE: **\$225 less** 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

With a new year come new beginnings, new challenges, and new opportunities. As we celebrate the end of 2020, take time to think about the year to come, and the years after that. We are thankful that the Oldtown Church is a part of your life and your family's lives. This year, as we determine how and when we can safely gather together again, think about what Oldtown means to you, about why it's important to you. We'll be talking about that in the weeks and months to come as we continue to work together, even though it's still virtual at the start.

“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

~ **Isaiah 43:18-19 (NRSV)**