

December 6 - UP & COMING NEWS & SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchHadley>

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Additional information can also be found on our website by visiting <https://firstchurchhadley.org>

Live Zoom Sunday Worship: If you would like to join our Live Zoom Worship Service click on the link below at 10am on Sunday morning:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6222869817?pwd=ejFYVytrTlk3aW1kK01aWE1LeUJpZz09>

QUARTERLY MEETING

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on **December 15, 2024**, following worship.

ADULT HOLIDAY GATHERING

The Adult Holiday Gathering will be held at the church on **Friday, December 27th at 7:00 PM**. Please bring a dessert item to share and a gift of less than \$15 if you wish to participate in the Yankee Swap. We plan to relax and have fun.

NORTH HADLEY INVITES YOU TO ADVENT TINY RETREATS

During Advent North Hadley Congregational Church invites you to join their **Tuesday-Morning-in-Advent Tiny Retreats** “*Light of the World!*” They will gather for the remaining Tuesdays at **North Hadley Church on December 10 and 17 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.** Each session will be a warm and inviting experience filled with uplifting hymns, heartfelt prayers, meaningful readings, and perhaps even a bit of engaging discussion. And yes, there might be coffee and a delightful snack to enjoy as this sacred time is shared together!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 8

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED

Tuesday, December 10

12:00 p.m.

Hampshire County Clergy Luncheon

6:00 p.m.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesday, December 11

6:30 p.m.

Hadley Women’s Group AA Meeting

Thursday, December 12

4:30 p.m.

Fiddle Orchestra Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sunday, December 15

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED

11:00 a.m.

QUARTERLY MEETING

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE

Don’t forget to subscribe to our **YouTube** channel to keep up on our latest services and to view

past services and events. Please click on the following link to subscribe:

<https://youtube.com/c/FirstChurchHadley>

You may also watch our worship service later in the week on **Hadley Media Public Channel 191**.

Follow us on **Facebook**: <http://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchHadley>

Please share this email! Invite your family and friends to join us. If folks would like to get this weekly announcement, just send a quick note to rooster@firstchurchhadley.com.

If you would like to post an event in the weekly Friday email blast, please submit it by Wednesday of that week. If you do not want to receive these emails, please let us know and we will remove your name from our list.

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Peter Stilla is currently offering office hours on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 413-584-4117

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LIVE ZOOM WORSHIP SUNDAY 10AM

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The Rev. Peter Stilla
Michael Stancill
Lisa West

Minister
Music Director
Deacon

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 8, 2024

PRELUDE “Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying” Johann Sebastian Bach
 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” setting by Marilyn Biery
 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” setting by Egil Hovland

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lisa West

INTROIT “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” arr. Carol R. Dare
 Ring of Joy

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

In cities and villages, in tents and skyscraper,
 Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is waiting to be born.
In us, in our neighbors, in the world we live in,

Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is waiting to be born.
Amid conflict and dissent, amid fractious families and partisan rancor,
Jesus, Prince of Peace: Come quickly.

Lighting the second candle, the candle of Peace.

Sung Response: Verse one only

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92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.

TEXT: Claire Cloninger, 1986
MUSIC: Don Cason, 1986
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WAITING (Cason)
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in thee I trust.

People: Make me to know thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths.

Leader: Lead me in thy truth and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation.

People: Be mindful of thy mercy, O Lord, and of thy steadfast love.

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord, and mercy surrounds all who trust in him.

All: We rejoice in you, O Lord, and shout for joy, for your love and faithfulness is ours forever! Amen.

*** GATHERING HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #110**

*** OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we may pass our time in rest and serenity, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** THE LORD’S 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Lisa West

Malachi 3:1-4 (p. 838)

Luke 1: 68-79 (p. 53)

TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Shannon Stilla

ANTHEM “A Voice Cries Out, “Prepare the Way of the Lord” Lloyd Larson

SERMON

“What to Expect”

Rev. Peter Stilla

*** HYMN “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” #104**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

CHORAL RESPONSE

MORNING OFFERING

Invitation

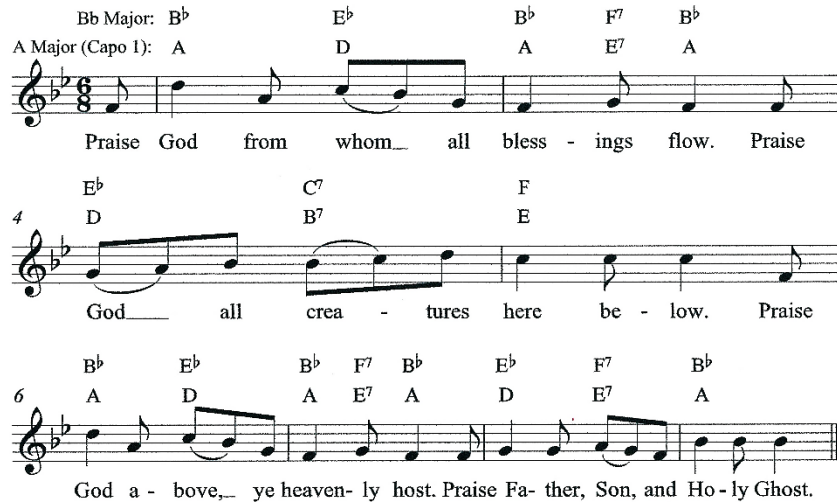
Offertory

“In Silence We Wait”

John Parker and Lloyd Larson

* Doxology

Bb Major: Bb Eb Bb F7 Bb
 A Major (Capo 1): A D A E7 A



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise
 God all crea - tures here be - low. Praise
 God a - bove, ye heaven- ly host. Praise Fa- ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
 Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

tune, CAROL
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Text and tune adapted by Dean McIntyre, The United Methodist General Board of Discipleship, PO Box 340003, Nashville TN 37203-0003. Telephone 615-340-7073. Website <http://www.umcworship.org>. Email address: music@gbod.org. Text and tune are public domain.

* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Accept, O God, these offerings which thy people make unto thee; and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under thy guidance, to the glory of thy name, and through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion is open to all believers who wish to receive the bread and cup. Children as well as adults are welcome to receive.

The outer ring of cups contains grape juice. The inner ring contains wine. The bread trays hold gluten-free bread. When the bread trays are passed, please hold your bread and we will all eat together after a brief prayer. When the cup trays are passed, please hold your cup and we will all drink together after a brief prayer. You may place your empty cup in the small rack for cups that is attached to the pew back in front of you.

Come to the Table
 Consecration and Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Gracious and loving God, we unite with you today to celebrate this, our covenant of faith. We thank you for your divine presence as we have shared this holy meal and throughout our lives each day. Grant us that we may always know you as our loving Father, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN “Angels, From the Realms of Glory” #117

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” Michael Praetorius,

setting by Aaron David Miller

*We invite you to reflect on this worship service and prepare
for the week ahead as you enjoy our postlude music.*