

The Church of the Pilgrimage
United Church of Christ
Plymouth, Massachusetts

The First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 3, 2017
10:00 a.m.



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Order of Worship

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

PRELUDE *The Holly and the Ivy*
-Herbert Sumsion 1899-1995

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL INTROIT & PROCESSIONAL

The Holly & the Ivy with Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
18th Century English Carol; Arr. by John Purifoy

Please join in singing:

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Chris Bates and Sam Hanlon

Holy One, the season of Hope is upon us:
Hope for the future, hope for the promise,
hope for all that is to be.
Receive our worship this day

(and as we light our first candle we pray)
that we may all live and worship you in hope.
One purple candle is lit.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

The Candle of Hope

Advent I

The can - dle of hope we light in this hour
Pro - claims that the Lord is com - ing in power.
We wait for a fu - ture, now hid - den from view,
When Christ in his glo - ry will make_ all things new.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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MUSIC: Attr. Johann Michael Haydn (18th century); arr. William Gardiner, 1815

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***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (debts/debtors)

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.

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 36 (unison)

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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

LITANY FOR HANGING OF THE GREENS

Katrina Bingham-Maas

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Glory to God in the highest!

FIRST READING Mason Anglin-Rizzo

After the reading, greenery is placed around the sanctuary as choir sings advent anthem.

ADVENT ANTHEM *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel with Lo,
How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Traditional Latin & 15th Century Carol; Arr. by J. Purifoy

SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Ready our hearts for this season, O God. Make not only these gifts, but our whole church a visible sign of your loving-kindness toward the world. Amen.

THIRD READING

Children decorate the tree with stars and other ornaments during the singing of the closing hymn.

***HYMN** No. 130 *O Christ, How Shall I Meet You?*

BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE *(seated)*

Peace, Hope, Light, Love from The Holly and the Ivy

POSTLUDE

Noël

-Louis-Claude D'Aquin 1694-1772

At the time of the postlude you may remain seated or proceed to greet the pastor and go to coffee hour.

Today's Participants-

Our Deacon-in-Charge is Mark Coombs.

Coffee Hour arranged by the Board of Trustees.

Advent wreath candle lighters are Chris Bates and Sam Hanlon, participants as mentor and student in the confirmation class.

The ushers are McKenna Martin DePasqua, Andrew Hogan, Gerritt Bingham-Maas and Rebecca Dion (members of the confirmation class)

The flowers are in loving memory of deceased Guild Members. Given by the Guild.

Notes-

Welcome to worship at The Church of the Pilgrimage. We hope you enjoy the worship service, and we invite you to join us in Allerton Hall downstairs for coffee hour after the service.

Please silence your cell phones so we can be fully present to the spirit and to one another.

This morning we have nursery/cribroom care with Kristin Moses, our childcare worker. Kristin is with us every Sunday.

We invite everyone seated beside the center aisle to fill out the **fellowship pad** and pass it down your row for others to sign it too.

Copies of the morning sermon and hearing devices available on the table in the upper vestibule.

Spring Women's Retreat planning meeting to take place Saturday, December 9th at 10am at Kiskadee Coffee House. Those interested will meet to have a stress busting walk at Nelson Park at 9am.

TODAY Advent Craft Event! Today during Coffee Hour in Allerton Hall and create a fun craft for Advent season! All you need to bring is yourself. No crafting talent required! Please call Deb Richters at 508-746-0558 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Toy Drive: We will be sponsoring children through the Department of Children and Families again this year. Paper ornaments with the name of a child and an item from the child's wish list will be displayed in Allerton Hall. We are asking folks to bring that item, wrapped and labeled (even just tape the paper ornament to the wrapped gift) next Sunday,

December 10th. Contact Wendy Porter at w-porter@live.com or 508-272-8696 with any questions. Thanks! Wendy Porter

Our annual Service of Comfort and Peace will take place on Wednesday evening, December 6th at 7 pm in the sanctuary.

Memorial Poinsettias: Christmas is fast approaching. By your loving purchase of poinsettias, we can enhance the beauty of our church for the Christmas services. Sign up in the lower vestibule following the service today and the next two Sundays. An insert listing the donors and those memorialized or honored will be included in the December 24th Sunday bulletin. The suggested donation for a poinsettia is \$15, although a donation of any amount is welcome. The flowers may be designated for shut-ins, or picked up after the Christmas Eve services or the following Sunday. Volunteers will be welcomed to take flowers to shut-ins following the December 24th Sunday service.

For your calendar-

Monday, December 4: Monday Meals, 11am, Allerton Hall.

Tuesday, December 5: Men's Bible Study, 7pm, Cotta's home.

Wednesday, December 6: Bible Study, 10:30am, Amy Simpson's home. Service of Comfort and Peace, 7 pm, Sanctuary. Choir Rehearsal, 7:45pm, Sanctuary.

Friday, December 8: Guild meeting "Holiday Memories" 1 pm, Allerton Hall. Shellie on vacation.

Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent, Worship with Communion and Blessing of Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am. Toy drive in worship, pageant practice following worship. Caroling 1:30 pm at Brookdale, 97 Warren Avenue.



As an Open and

Affirming Congregation

we invite all into our faith, to fully share in all church life, including our work, worship, rites, and sacraments, with the assurance that we are all

created in God's image, reconciled by Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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