

## Welcome to Worship

**W**e believe that all people are blessed and loved equally by God. Following the teachings of Jesus we heartily welcome everyone into God's covenantal community. Whatever your race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic or marital status, variety of thoughts and beliefs, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression - whoever you are and wherever you come from you are welcome into the full life and ministry of our church.



## Second Sunday of Advent

**Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ**

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**Order of Morning Worship**

**Advent 2**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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*We gather in worship this morning with joy and reverence in our hearts and a sincere welcome to all. Remember some will greet neighbors while others come quietly to prayerfully seek God.*



The service is being livestreamed to be watched online  
by those unable to join us in person.

**WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE    *ADVENT 2 - PEACE*    Susan & Howard Rotblat-Walker

Voice 1: The season of Advent is all about expectation and anticipation. Although Jesus already came and we celebrate his continued presence with us, we also look forward to the day of his eventual return.

Voice 2: The second Sunday of Advent is often celebrated as the Sunday of Peace. Today, Isaiah declares that when Jesus comes, he will judge the world with “righteousness” and “equity”.

Voice 1: Isaiah continues by stating that on that day, “the wolf will lie down with the lamb...the leopard with the kid...and the calf and the lion and the fatling together.” And that none of them will be harmed.

Voice 2: Advent is not only preparing us to celebrate that Jesus came so long ago, but it is also reminding us that he will return. And when he comes, he will be wearing the crown of the Prince of Peace.

*-Light the Candle-*

\*HYMN NCH # 116 verses 1, 4 & 5

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*GLORIA

**Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.**

**Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME

Rev. Racquel Ray

\*HYMN NCH # 110

*Now Bless the God of Israel*

*Children and teachers may depart for classes during the singing of this hymn.*

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:1 - 17

(New Testament page 1)

REFLECTION

Redemption and Women of the Bible

Rev. Racquel Ray

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Carols of the Advent*

Dietterich

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

\*PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION

OUR COMMUNITY GOES OUT TO SERVE GOD

\*HYMN PH# 105

*We Hail You God's Anointed*

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Go In Love*

**Go in love, have no fear. God will guide you, God is always near.  
Go in love, take God's hand, God will hear you and will understand.  
May God's light forever shine upon you, may full peace be always in your heart.  
Go in love, face each day, God will lead you and will show the way.  
Go in love and live in faith.**

POSTLUDE

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*Please freely change the wording of any part of this service to more inclusive language.  
Our purpose is to worship God in wholeness.*

About our hymns: Those designated "PH" are from the *Pilgrim Hymnal* (blue);  
those designated "NCH" are from *The New Century Hymnal* (black).

Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available from the Ushers.



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

Both arrangements have been given by the Colby family in loving memory of  
Richard G. Haas and Richard B. Colby



The boxwood wreaths that grace our front doors and the live greens on the windowsills are made  
possible by your donations to the Chancel Fund.



Greeters: The Drury Family  
Ushers: Jay & Phyllis Buckley  
Worship Tech Support: Tom Colby

To Our Visitors: We especially welcome those who are visiting with us today. We are pleased to have you among us and invite you to fill out a Visitor Response Card found in the pew rack. Welcome Folders are available for pick up from the racks in the stairwells. We hope that you will come back and worship with us again.

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