

Welcome to Worship

We 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.



First Sunday of Advent

Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship

Advent 1

November 27th, 2022

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



The service is also 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 OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

First Sunday of Advent - Hope

Voice 1: Welcome to the season of Advent, the season that comes before Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent is often celebrated as the Sunday of Hope.

Voice 2: Isaiah declares that the "word of the Lord" shall come out of Jerusalem and that he will "judge the nations" and "arbitrate for many peoples."

Voice 1: Isaiah also states that he will “beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks,” that “nation will not lift up sword against nation, [and] neither shall they learn war anymore.”

Voice 2: We are still waiting for this, God. It hasn’t come. But this will not diminish our hope. We will still hope for your peace to come, one of these days.

(The first candle is lit)

*HYMN NCH # 116 verses 1 & 2

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

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN PH # 109

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44

(New Testament p. 27)

REFLECTION

Guess who’s coming?

Rev. Dale Azevedo

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERTORY

SPECIAL MUSIC

*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 verses 1-3

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Last verse of hymn – verse 4

**O'er every foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all blest;
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever: That name to us is Love.**

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:

One arrangement has been given by Bethia Rosner in loving memory
of her husband, Andy, on what would have been his 96th birthday.

The other arrangement has been given by Barbara Wuth
in loving memory of her mother, Helen Wuth.



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.



Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Greg Voigt, Joe Judge, Helen MacDonald

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 sign our Guest Book at the entrance to the church and/or fill out a Visitor Response Card found in the pew rack. If you wish to make a donation, offering envelopes are available for your use in the pew rack. We hope that you will come back and worship with us again.

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