



# Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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## Advent III: Make Room

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10:00 AM

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023



### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*Welcome! If you would like more information about our community, please fill out a blue visitor card. Throughout the order of worship, if the print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.*

#### GATHERING MUSIC

“Noel Festival” arr. Lloyd Larson  
“Two French Carols” arr. Brant Adams  
“What Child Shall Come?” arr. Patrick M Liebergen  
“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow” arr. Lloyd Larson  
Wendy Hagarty, trumpet; Ted Hagarty, clarinet

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### PRELUDE

“Christmas Gloria”  
Bell Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

#### MAKE ROOM (Video)

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

No. 150

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES “*Light of Hope*”

Joel Raney  
(words adapted)

#### CHORAL INTRODUCTION

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this Advent journey we yearn for joy, a deeper expression of our faith in Christ

**All: For the Lord our God is with us now and forevermore.**

One: Advent beckons us to remember God’s unconditional love

**All: For the Lord our God is with us now and forevermore.**

One: Advent beckons us to remember God's invitation to the human heart to be still

**All: For the Lord our God is with us now and forevermore.**

One: This Advent season we choose joy, and prepare the way for the Lord

**All: For the Lord our God is with us both now and forevermore.**

## LIGHTING OF THE JOY CANDLE

### CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE

See screen

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

See screen

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

See screen

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Chrismons

Lydia Hoffman

*Children are invited to join our Minister of Children and Families, Lydia Hoffman, for Kids' Church. Kids' Church will meet until 12pm today for pageant practice.*

### \*HYMN

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" No. 154, vs. 1-4, 6

### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Luke 1:46b-55

Mark Horton

### SERMON

"Make Room"

Rev. Amelia Edson

### \*HYMN

"What Child Is This"

No. 162

*Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

"Angels' Carol"

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

*You may also donate online or on Venmo @FalmouthUCC*

### \*DOXOLOGY

No. 46

### \*BENEDICTION

**RECESSIONAL**

“Joy to the World!”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Wendy Hagarty, trumpet

*Please remain seated during the Recessional.*

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\* *Please stand in body or spirit*

*We strive to use a diversity of language to describe God, in line with the diversity of images and metaphors in our Scripture. Many hymns and prayers default to male language. Please use the language that allows you to worship best, knowing that all human speech about God is metaphoric and ultimately incomplete.*



Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Minister of Music: Jan Stover

Minister of Children & Families: Lydia Hoffman

Ushers: Peggy Horton, Mark Horton

Advent Candle Lighters: The McNeill Family

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais