



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Serving Christ and Community since

1754 Third Parish Church;

1833 The Brick Church

The Reverend Amelia Edson

5:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2019

FAMILY SERVICE and CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRELUDE

"The First Noel"

Olivia Henderson

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

Rev. Amelia Edson

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Rebecca, Ryan, Sydney, and Josephina Gibbons

One: All this season, as night beats back the day, we lit our lights to call the Light.

All: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

One: We kindled Hope against apathy, Peace against war, Joy against despair, Love against estrangement.

All: We lit our lights to call the Light.

The Christ Candle is lit.

One: But now we pray for a miracle bigger than our former prayers.

All: Come now, O Holy one, and do better than we have imagined. Do not overcome, but transform.

One: Come, O shadow and light together.

**All: Come, pillar of fire and darkened Sanctuary.
Come, candle glow on careworn faces**

One: Come Denier of Divisions,
Come, closer of gaps.

**All: Come, Repairer of the Breach
Come, you who units Heaven and earth**

One: See us here, Shining and Shadow together, and come.

*HYMN

"Do You See What I See?"

Vs. 1, 2

Said the night wind to the little lamb

Do you see what I see

Way up in the sky little lamb

Do you see what I see

*A star, a star
Dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite
Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king
Do you know what I know
In your palace wall mighty king
Do you know what I know
A child, a child
Shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold*

~ CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ~

PAGEANT SCENE ONE: Mary, Joseph, and the Angel Gabriel

PAGEANT SCENE TWO: The Wise Men

***HYMN**

“We Three Kings”

No. 172, Vs. 1, 2

*We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star*

*O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign*

*O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light*

PAGEANT SCENE THREE Jesus is Born

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Away in a Manger”

FCC Church School

OFFERTORY

“Ode to Joy”

Sydney Gibbons, Violin

***HYMN**

“Silent Night”

No. 145

*As the hymn is sung the light of Christ will be passed throughout the congregation. Please tip the unlit candle to receive the light and then hold your candle straight and your neighbor tips their candle to receive the light from you. Parents please assist your children carefully. **Candles are to be extinguished at the end of “Silent Night.” Thank you.***

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN**

“Joy to the World”

No. 143

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.*

POSTLUDE

“Ode to Joy”
“Silent Night”

Caroline Pond
Emily Pond

()Please rise in body or spirit*

Worship Participants

Greeter: Paul Davis

Ushers: Anne & Rodney Coleman, Kim & Mollie Mason

Advent Lighters: Rebecca, Ryan, Sydney and Josephina Gibbons



Our thanks for the many children and families who participated in tonight's service. We are especially grateful for Kristen Coleman, Christian Education Administrator for all of her hard work and vision in bringing this intergenerational family service to fruition.

THE CAST

Mary: Kailyn Walker

Joseph: Caroline Pond

Wise Man 1: Brendon Walker

Wise Man 2: Aaron White

Star: Natalie Skillin

Angel Gabriel: Olivia Henderson

Angels: Avery Henderson, Sydney Gibbons, Jojo Gibbons, Alice White,
Tegan Elkin, Mackenzie Elkin, Emily Pond

Animals: Milo Davis, Josh Pond, Addie Skillin

*Christmas Poinsettias
In Memory and Honor of Our
Loved Ones*



*Poinsettia:
The Flower of Christmas*

December 2019

*Falmouth Congregational Church
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Falmouth, Maine*

In Memory of Loved Ones

*Cliff and Gerry Ashley
From daughter, Joan*

*Evelyn Randall
Ralph Randall
Jennifer Bissell and Virginia Eddy*

*Kenneth W and Harriet A. Bowden
Cathy and Ken Bowden*

*Our Parents
Joe and Jo Blinick*

*Robbie Coleman
His Family*

*Florence and Harvey McCann
Their Family*

*Gladys and Everett Coleman
Harvey and Dorothea McCann
Myrtle and Edward Winslow
Jeaneen Coleman*

*Florence McCann and Robbie Coleman
Edison and Sarah Love
Anne and Rodney Coleman*

*Ronald Myers
Charles Cousins
Paul and Melissa Cousins*



*Jack and Ginny Davis
Ted and Drummie Frost
Jack and Laurie Davis*

*Jack and Anita Davidson
Captain Michael C. Davidson
Sam Davidson*

*Judy Currier
Alan Doughty*

*David Stouder
Richard and Stella Nugent
Warren and Constance Dufty
Julie Prybylo
Rev. Amelia and Jake Edson*

*Robert, Albina and Richard Farry
Rita Farry*

*Charles L. Grubb, Jr.
Heather May Grubb, granddaughter
Charles and Emma Grubb, Sr.
Maureen Grubb and Family*

*Barry W. Hamilton
His children, Jamie and Marta*

*Barry W. Hamilton
His granddaughters, Kayla and Alexa*

*James E. Donegan, our father and grandfather
Bill, Kathleen and James Henderson*



*Winnie Drown
Phoebe Horne*

*Jay Holt
Arthur Cole
Elizabeth Cole
Aileen Brannock
Jesse Holt
John and Barb Holt*

*Carolyn Wiles
Ruth Norton
Rudolph Komenda
James A. Wescott
David and Phoebe Horne*

*Friends and loved ones who passed in 2019
My husband and my parents
Carol Kauffman*

*Carl R. Nilsen
Love, daughter, Heidi Nilsen*

*Liz Olen Cook
Her Family*

*Aunt Jennie
The Olen family*

*Donna W. Johnson
George E. Sanborn
Paul S. & Iola V. Woodworth
Ann W. Sanborn*



*Edward Shively
Betty Shively*

*Ralph and Nancy Harper
Clifford and Charlotte Sinnett
The Sinnett Family*

*Harold and Thelma Sonnichesen
Howard and Mildred Fleming
Eric Sonnichsen and Barbara Flaming*

*Fritz and Betty Hessemer
Bob and Barbara Stegemann
Tom and Jane Stegemann*

*Stella Nugent and Marian Stouder
Beth Stouder and Bill Nugent*

*Our Parents:
Jack and Hallie Vail
Jack and Doris Tarbell
Ted and Dolores Vail*

*Stewart and Erma Varney
Eldwin and Hope Wixson
Erlon and Faith Varney*

*Carie Eck
Our loving Grandparents and Great Grandparents
Scott, Kris, Kailyn and Brendon Walker*



In Honor of Loved Ones

*In appreciation of the FCC Staff
Jess Dickson*

*Harriet Lawson Wright, our mother & grandmother
Bill, Kathleen and James Henderson*

*Diana, Laura and Stacey
David and Phoebe Horne*

*The members of the Ministry of Community Life
My children and grandchildren
Carol Kauffman*

*The Packard and Mathieu Family
Diane Mathieu*

*Myron Hagar
Ted and Dolores Vail*

*Chancel Choir
Chancel Bell Choir
Doris Krueger*





The Legend of the Poinsettia

There is an old Mexican legend about how Poinsettias and Christmas come together, it goes like this:

There was once a poor Mexican girl called Pepita who had no present to give the baby Jesus at the Christmas Eve Services. As Pepita walked to the chapel, sadly, her cousin Pedro tried to cheer her up. 'Pepita', he said "I'm sure that even the smallest gift, given by someone who loves him will make Jesus Happy."

Pepita didn't know what she could give, so she picked a small handful of weeds from the roadside and made them into a small bouquet. She felt embarrassed because she could only give this small present to Jesus. As she walked through the chapel to the altar, she remembered what Pedro had said. She began to feel better, knelt down and put the bouquet at the bottom of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into bright red flowers, and everyone who saw them were sure they had seen a miracle. From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the 'Flores de Noche Buena', or 'Flowers of the Holy Night'.

The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. The white leaves represent his purity.

**May Peace be your gift
at Christmas and your
blessing all year
through!**