## Falmouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ



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Serving Christ and Community since 1754 Third Parish Church;

1833 The Brick Church The Reverend Amelia Edson

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

GATHERING MUSIC "At the Manger" John Wilcox

By Don Philips

PRELUDE Special Music Olivia Henderson

WELCOME Rev. Amelia

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

& LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE<sup>1</sup> Walker Family

One: Loving God, for You animals prepared a bed. For You the heavens

shone brightly, and the stars clapped their hands.

All: For You shepherds stood watch and marveled at how small You were. For You wise ones came and fell on their knees.

One: Because You were Almighty God and yet, You were so vulnerable.

All: You were God and yet You had a soft spot on your head. God with milk on Your breath, God wrapped in swaddling clothes.

One: God, creator of everything, now born of flesh and blood to be with us

All: Light has come back into the world, and the darkness of despair, war, hurt, and hate will not overcome it.

The Christ Candle is lit.

One: Teach us to live as your people, and to walk in your ways.

All: We pray this in the name of Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

PRAYER Kailyn Walker & Olivia Henderson

SCENE 1 Humble Beginnings

**HYMN** "Let It Snow" Olivia Henderson, saxophone

SCENE 2 Mystical Magi

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Call to Worship inspired by our 2021 Advent devotional, *Advent in Full Color*, which is available in Fellowship Hall

"We Three Kings" Children of FCC **HYMN** 

**SCENE 3** The Powers That Be

Pastor Amelia **OFFERING** 

**OFFERING SONG** "O Holy Night" Kristen Tripp

**SCENE 4** The Christmas Miracle

**HYMN** 

Pastor Amelia SHARING OF THE LIGHT

"Silent Night" Sydney Gibbons, violin

Pastor Amelia BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "Joy to the World" John Wilcox





Special thanks to the children, families and church school volunteers of the Falmouth Congregational Church

## **Church Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday

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