

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

8:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2021



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*If you are new to worship, welcome and please fill out a blue visitor card.
Throughout the order of worship, if print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.*

MEDITATION

A Medley of Carols

Brian Wilson

PRELUDE

“Il Est Ne”
A French Carol

Brian Wilson

WELCOME

Rev. Amelia

CALL TO WORSHIP

& LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE¹

Kim & Steve Hendry

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.

CAROL

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Marilee Beinema

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Virginia Eddy

¹ Call to Worship inspired by our 2021 Advent devotional, *Advent in Full Color*, which is available in Fellowship Hall

CAROL "We Three Kings" Bell Choir
Arr. Kevin McChesney

THE SECOND READING Luke 2:1-7 Steve Hendry

ANTHEM "O, Holy Night" Kristen Tripp &
Jessica Collins

THE THIRD READING Luke 2:8-16 Lydia Hill

CAROL "Gesù Bambino" John Wilcox
Pietro A. Yon

THE FOURTH READING Matthew 1:18-23 Marilee Beinema

CAROL "Go Tell it on the Mountain" Chancel Choir
Arr. John Wesley Work, Jr.

HOMILY Rev. Amelia

MUSICAL "Toccata on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Brian Wilson
MEDITATION Arr. Diane Bish

PASSING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Rev. Amelia

CAROL "Silent Night" Chancel Choir
As the carol is sung the light of Christ will be passed throughout the congregation.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

One: Hear this. By the tender mercy of our God love has broken upon us! Light is given where once there was darkness and hope where there was despair. Let us go into the night, knowing that, if we allow it, God will guide our feet ever more into the way of peace, justice, and love. We remember these promises in the name of the One Jesus called Abba, Father, of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of that small baby that Mary named Jesus Christ. Amen.


~Special thanks to our guest organist, Brian Wilson~

Church Office Hours

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

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