



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

10:00 AM

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Dec. 26th, 2021



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GATHERING MUSIC

John Wilcox

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Please remain in your seat while passing the peace of Christ.)*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRELUDE

“What Child Is This”

John Wilcox

Arr. Lee Evans

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord from the Heights!

One: Praise God, all the angels, praise God, all the host!

All: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, shining stars.

One: Let all praise the name of the Almighty, the creator of all.

All: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of earth!

One: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

All: Let all praise the name of the Almighty, who is above heaven and earth.

One: God has raised up a horn for the people, praise for all God's faithful.

All: Praise the Lord!



¹ Based on Psalm 148

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we have fallen short, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Romans 8:38-39)

All: For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, not depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

“O Holy Night”

Jessica Collins &
Kristen Tripp

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-23

Mark Horton

THE SERMON

Rev. Edson

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
Arr. Reed

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

HYMN

“Silent Night”

The Smith Family

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go in Peace”

POSTLUDE

“Angels We Have Heard On High”
Arr. O’Hearn

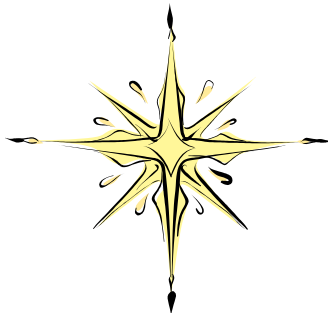
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Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: The Rev. Amelia Edson, Settled Pastor
Music: John Wilcox
Ushers: Mark and Peggy Horton
Kids’ Church: Kristen Tripp
Liturgist: Mark Horton
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



Next Sunday’s Lectionary

Jer 31:7-14; Eph 1:3-14, John 1(1-9), 10-18

