



Falmouth Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation
The Reverend Amelia Edson
Serving Christ and Community since 1754



4:30 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER 24, 2022



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PIANO PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Amelia Edson

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Before Christmas

All: There was Mary

One: Young, alone, afraid

All: Mary said yes to God

One: Before Christmas

All: There was Joseph

One: Comforted only in a dream

All: Joseph said yes to God

One: Before Christmas

All: There were shepherds

One: Who dared to believe the promises of angels and leave everything behind

All: They said yes to God

One: Now, at Christmas

All: It is our turn

One: We are called to be brave like Mary, kind like Joseph, faithful like the shepherds

All: It is our turn to say yes to God

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One: It is Christmas

All: God has come to earth!

One: This year let us find our place in the story

All: So that we, too, can say yes

One: to Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love without end.

SCENE 1 - Mary's Brave Choice

MUSIC "The First Noel" Sydney Gibbons, violin

SCENE 2 - A Star in the East

***CAROL** "We Three Kings of Orient Are" No. 172, v.1,5

SCENE 3 - King Herod is Deceived

***CAROL** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" No. 153, v.1,2

THE OFFERTORY "O, Holy Night" Jessica Collins, Kristen Tripp

SCENE 4 - While Shepherds Kept Their Watching

***CAROL** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 144, v.1,2

SCENE 5 - Christ is Born in Bethlehem

***CAROL** "Away in a Manger" No. 147, v.1,3

***CAROL** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 167, v.1-3

Pageant participants return to their families to pass the light of Christ.

SHARING OF THE LIGHT Rev. Amelia Edson

***CAROL** "Silent Night, Holy Night" No. 145, v.1-3

***CHRISTMAS BLESSING** Rev. Amelia Edson

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Anna Laura Page

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* *Please stand in body or spirit.*





Special thanks to the children, families and Kids' Church volunteers of the Falmouth Congregational Church UCC.



Thank you to our worship participants

Presiding:	Rev. Amelia Edson
Minister of Music:	Jan Stover
Ushers:	The Stegemann Family
Advent Candle Lighters:	The Kaijala Family
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais
Director of Youth and Family Ministries:	Hannah Daly

Kids' Church at Falmouth Congregational Church

Our Kids' Church program is led by Ms. Hannah Daly, the Director of Youth and Family Ministries here at FCC UCC. Each Sunday, Children begin the morning with their families in worship, and then move into our downstairs classrooms following the Children's Moment, where we explore the stories of the Bible and God's teachings through art, music, movement, games, and more!

Our program runs from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM, with an optional early pick-up at 11:00 AM. If you are interested in enrolling your child in a community of warmth and welcome, you can register them on our website:

<https://www.falmouthcongregationalchurch.org/childrens-programs>