



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CANTON CENTER, CT

December 15, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

****MUSIC SUNDAY****

In Person & Live Streamed



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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Please stand if able. **Bold denotes unison response.*

CHIMES

Karen Needham

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Acolytes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements from the congregation are welcome. Those wishing to make an announcement are asked to be in the front pews at the start of the announcement period. Prayer request cards may be found on the tables at the back of the church.

PRELUDE

Gloria

arr. Francis Callahan

Cherry Brook Chimes Handbell Choir

Karen Needham, Gina Magnnis, Cindy Webb, Diana Ferraiuolo, Dir., Kathy Pickrell,
Donna Hammond, Martha Stansel, Hugh Anderson, Megan Keefe, Judy Robinson

PRESENTATION OF CRÈCHE

Church School Youth

CALL TO WORSHIP

The light of the world is coming! Let our hearts be filled with joy!

We rejoice in the coming of our Savior!

Let us rejoice with glad hearts at Christ's coming!

Open your hearts to receive the gift of God's love! We celebrate the dawn of a new day!

O God of joy, we gather to worship You in this season of anticipation.

With joyful hearts, let us begin our worship to Almighty God!

***HYMN**

How Great Our Joy!

Chalice (Blue) 170

***GATHERING PRAYER & *THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As we light the candle of joy, fill our hearts with Your peace and love. May we spread Your joy to all those we encounter. May we be a beacon of hope in a world longing for Your light bringing hope and joy to all.

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.**

***Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – Joy

The Penney Family

OFFERING

Divine Wisdom, as we offer our gifts, guide us to be more than just givers of material things. Shape us into instruments of Your love, offering our time, talents, and compassion alongside our financial contributions. May these offerings be used to fulfill Your purpose and bring blessings to all. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

(The youth are excused for Church School)



OFFERTORY

Cradle Hymn



Kim Andre Arnesen

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Bless not only the gifts we bring, but also the hearts from which they come.
Inspire us to be cheerful givers, as we share Your blessings with the world.**

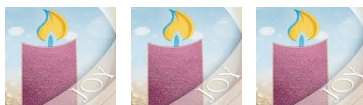
SCRIPTURE

Psalm 100

Pew Bible pg. 481

Romans 15:13

Pew Bible pg. 924



Joys and Concern ~ Silent meditation ~ Pastoral Prayer

HAVE YOU HEARD

Joel Raney

Narrator and Sound Jerry Alonzy

<i>Christmas Day in the Morning</i>	Choir/Ensemble
<i>Have You Heard</i>	Choir/Ensemble
<i>Celtic Christmas Lullaby</i>	Choir/Ensemble
<i>O Holy Night</i>	Choir, Soloist-Jerry Alonzy, Ensemble
<i>Come and Adore Him</i>	Choir/ Ensemble
<i>Wexford Carol/ Finale</i>	Choir/Soloist-Kathleen Lundgren, Ensemble

Choir Members

Sopranos

Donna Hammond
*Megan Keefe
Gina Magennis
Judy Robinson
Kathy Todd

Altos

*Gert Delin
Kathleen Lundgren
Karen Needham
Kathy Pickrell
Evelyn Sambrew

Tenors

Jerry Alonzy
Tim LeGeyt
*Scott Neumann

Basses

Art Dewey
Paul Stansel
Jim Todd

(*Guest Singers)

Ensemble

Cindy Webb-flute
Jon Keefe-guitar, drum, and percussion

***BENEDICTON RESPONSE** *Gloria* from *Angels We Have Heard on High*
Senior Choir

***POSTLUDE** *Pat-A-Pan* French carol arr. Hart Morris

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie
Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe
Asst. of Faith Formation: Karen Needham
Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia
Deacons: Phil Doyle & Cora Mutch
Coffee Hour: Grant Hagedorn

Ministers: Every Member
Dir. of Faith Formation: Dr. Hollace Bristol
Sexton: Walt LeGeyt
Trustees: Scott Neumann & Art Dewey
Greeters: John & Jen McCormick