



**Second Christian Church of Kittery
with North Church of Portsmouth
Second Sunday Jazz Worship
for the Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024 - 10:00 AM**

Welcome one and all! Whether you are gathering with us on-site or on-line,
Remember: No matter who you are, no matter who you love,
no matter where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here!

(* You are invited to stand as you are able)

WE GATHER

Gathering Music *Imperfect* D. Hardy

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music *If Only* D. Hardy

Call to Community †

One: Magnify the Lord, for she has done great things.
She is mindful of the least and the last.

All: We praise the one who builds up the poor and casts down the powerful.

A child is coming who will turn the world upside down.

Let us be like his mother and worship while we wait.

***We worship God, who performs mighty deeds with her arm
and gives voice to the outcast.***

She fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty.

We will wait and not be afraid.

* Hymn (words on p. 3) ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** VENI EMMANUEL
(Words by Maren Tirabassi)

* Prayer for Coming Together

Holy Fountain of Compassion,

deep in the heart of this journey, we search for peace-filled moments of contemplation.

We crave the transformation that is found in the stillness of prayer.

***As we share this time with one another, may we experience the restless peace
that brings us closer to you, our neighbors, and your promised realm. Amen,***

* Gloria Hirst/Effenberger

Glory to you, creating One!

Glory to you, redeeming Son!

Glory to you, O Spirit, come!

Meet us now, make us one, glory to you, O God!

Special Music *Hymn* D. Hardy

† Portions of this morning's liturgy are adapted for our use from *Calling All Angels: An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength* © 2024 Erin Wathen, Westminster John Knox Publishers.

We Light the Candle of Peace

Pam and Doug Woodward

Response (#128, v. 2 only)

*One Candle Is Lit **

CRADLE SONG

*Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare,
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.
One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Prayer before the Scripture Reading

*Make ancient words new, and lost hopes rise again,
as you speak the promise to us this day,
O Spirit of Truth, O Life-Giving Breath. Amen,*

The Scripture

Luke 1:68-79, Luke 3:1-6

A Musical Interpretation

The Message

"A Restless Peace"

Rev. Brad Hirst

WE RESPOND

We Share our Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.*

For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen,

An Invitation to Offering

Special Music

Friends Lost

D. Hardy

*** Response (#317 in hymnal)**

Amen

African-American

*** Dedication of Gifts**

*God of our restless peace,
we give thanks each time we remember the gift of your presence in our lives.
Our gratitude extends to the ways you use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.
May your boundless wisdom compel us to use our gifts and energies
in ways that will bring about the right-side-upping of our upside-down world. Amen,*

WE GO OUT

*** Hymn #135**

Blessed Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

*** A Blessing**

Music for Going Out

Bulbulum Altin Kafeste

(trad. Turkish melody, arr. D. Hardy)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

***O Come, O come Emmanuel
make true the stories prophets tell –
so all those chained by fear find release,
and, war forgotten, bring a world of peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel is come to birth
where all God's children dwell.***

***O Come, Love's-season,
to our lonely days,
and guide us in our words and ways
to be the ones whose Advent begins
with healing earth and all that live within.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel is come to birth
where all God's children dwell.***

***O come, Desire of Nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
Make envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel is come to birth
where all God's children dwell.***

VENI EMMANUEL

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arr. and harm. Thomas Helmore, 1854

MERLE'S TUNE

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* *One Candle Is Lit*

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Blessed Be the God of Israel

***Blessed the God of Israel,
who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us
and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy,
of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise
to bring our people peace.***

***Now from the house of David
a child of grace has come,
a Savior who will lead us
to our eternal home.
Before him goes the herald,
forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation,
the harbinger of day.***

***On all by death imprisoned
the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness
upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims
along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior
with songs that never cease!***

About our Guest Musician:

Today we welcome Duncan Hardy to our *Second Sunday Jazz Trio* of Mike Effenberger, Jim Rudolf and Rob Gerry. Duncan is an active performer on saxophone around the New England music scene. After moving to Portland, Maine, he began to explore music from Eastern Europe, the Middle East and India. Attending the Arabic Music Retreat, eventually led him to collaborate with Mike and others on a quartet, *Dharma Down*. Their debut album, *Owl Dreams*, is amazing, and is available on Bandcamp and Spotify. Enjoy!

Welcome to worship!

You have been greeted this morning by Lois Marshall and Mark Fecteau.

Our Ushers are Diane and Robert McDonough, and Don Tirabassi is our Liturgist.

We invite you to please keep your name tag on when you join us downstairs following worship for a time of refreshment and fellowship so we might better blend our congregations.

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Welcoming... Learning... Going Out...

The Week Ahead:

Today, Sunday, December 8:

4:00pm Family Movie Time!
The Nativity Story

Monday, December 9:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Tuesday, December 10:

4:00pm ***Calling All Angels -***
An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength
5:30pm ***All-Deacons Pot-luck - Vestry***
All Deacons - past, present and future - are invited!

Wednesday, December 11:

10:00am AA
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12:

2:00pm Prayer Time - *via Zoom*
Look for the link in your Weekly Peal
3:00pm Table of Plenty Team at *St. Raphael's*
5:30pm Doorkeeper's Meeting

Friday, December 13:

9:00am Breakfast with Brad at *Kasha's Kitchen*

Sunday, December 15: *The Third Sunday of Advent*

10:00am We light the Candle of Joy
Rev. Jennifer Mazur, preaching

Looking ahead...

Thursday, December 19: *Blue Christmas Jazz Vespers*

7:00pm BUOY Gallery - 2 Government St.

