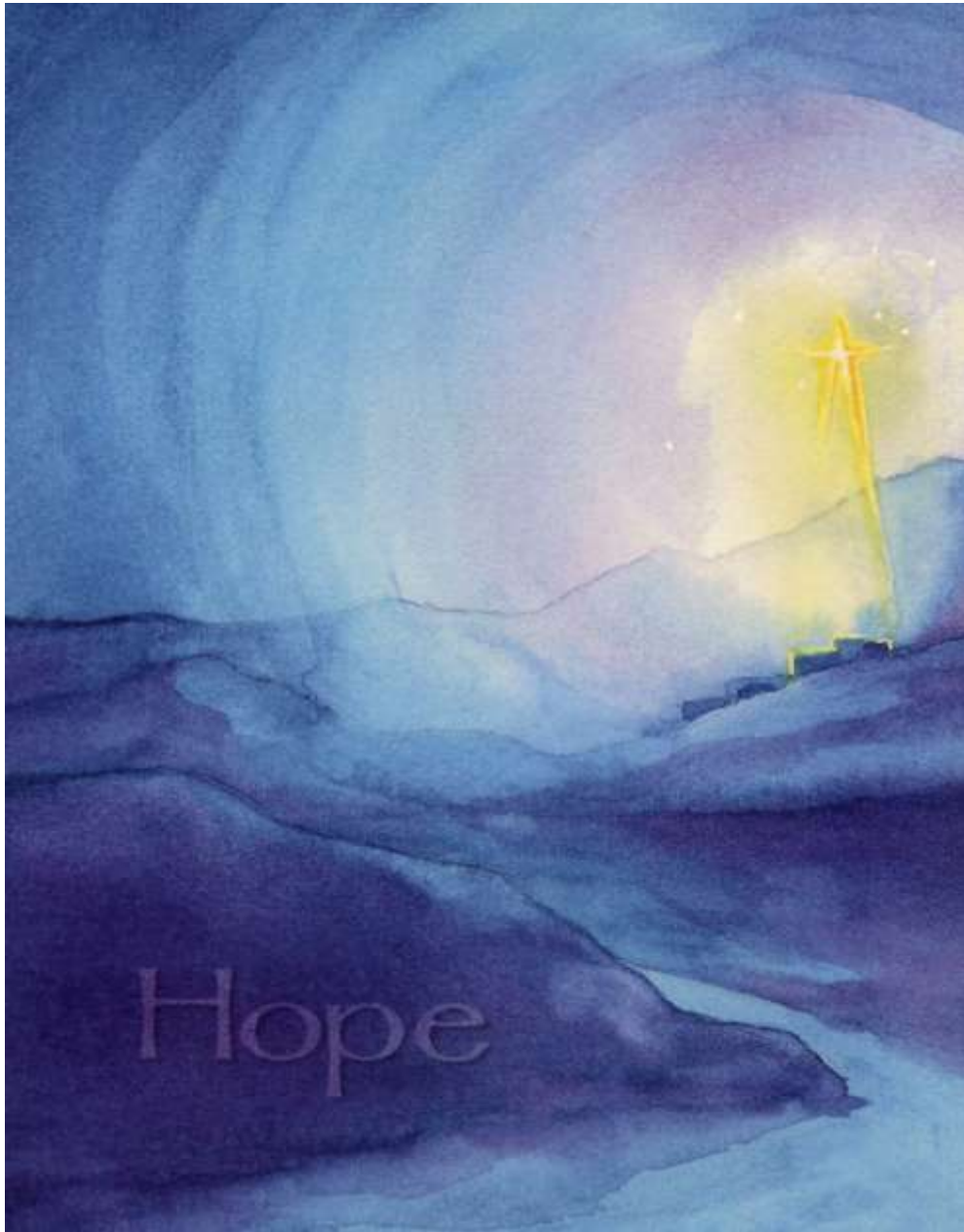


*Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
November 28, 2021, 10:00 AM
First Sunday of Advent*



The Christmas wreaths at the front doors are given in loving memory of Margaret and Charles Smith and their son William Smith by their family, Maria, Thomas and Charles.

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Harry W. Vanderhule by the Giannetti and Renoni families

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Prelude "Savior of the Nations, Come" J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Hanging of the Greens "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Liturgical Dancers, Adult Choir and Hand Bell Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candle *The Candle of Hope*
The Giannetti/Renoni/Vanderhule Family

***Call to Worship** Jean Phillips-Currier, Liturgist

Liturgist: Emmanuel! God with us!

People: Incarnate one! Embodied one!

Leader: Crying one! Bleeding one!

People: At-table one! Loving one!

Leader: Hand-in-the-wounds one!

People: Signs-in-the-moon one!

Leader: Hear our plea!

People: Come! Be here now.

Leader: Maranatha!

***Hymn** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 153

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: O God of wholeness, let us not be put to shame. Some of us live with shame everyday in our bodies, in our hearts, in our self-images, self-esteem, and self-regard. Have mercy. Others of us have afflicted our siblings with shame by our racism, by our ableism, by our sexism and so many other 'isms.' Have mercy. You instruct both sinners and the upright in your ways, Sovereign One. Teach us where we have strayed and erred so that we may know the hope and so that we may prepare our lives to do your good work. We open our hearts to the presence of Emmanuel, unseen for now with the promise that one day we will know God even as we are known by the Divine. O God of unlimited compassion, strengthen our hearts in holiness so that we may be blameless and whole before You and the world we serve at the coming of our brother Jesus with all the saints. Prepare us for that great living hope! Amen.

Response *"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" No. 228, v. 6*

**All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heav'n to all
Begin and never cease, Begin and never cease.**

Anthem "Veni Emmanuel" Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi

Sunday School Dismissal

Scripture Psalm 131 and Galatians 4:4-7

Sermon "Time for Hope" Rev. Dr. Wayne E. Earl

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Joys and Concerns of the People

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn** "Long Ago, Prophets Knew" 167


***Benediction**

Response *"O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 180, v. 4*

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray,
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today,
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

Postlude "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" Bach

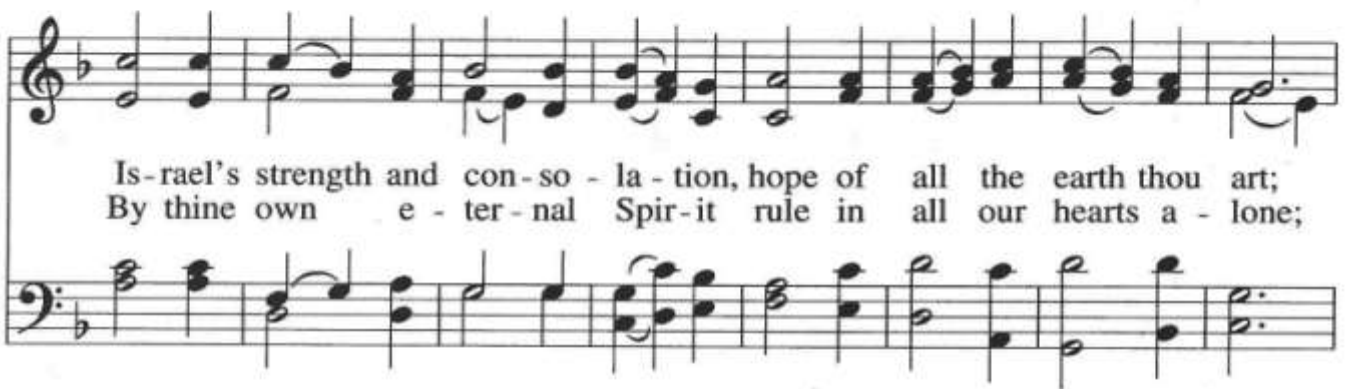
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 153



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

1 Long a - go, proph-ets knew Christ would come,
 2 God in time, God in man, this is God's
 3 Ma - ry, hail! Though a - fraid, she be - lieved,
 4 Jour-ney ends! Where a - far Beth-lehem shines,

born a Jew, come to make all things new, bear his peo-ple's bur - den,
 time-less plan: he will come, as a man, born him-self of wom - an,
 she o-beyed. In her womb, God is laid, till the time ex - pect - ed,
 like a star, sta-ble door stands a - jar: un-born Son of Ma - ry,

Svb *Refrain* *Svb*

free - ly love and par-don.
 God di - vine - ly hu - man.
 nur-tured and pro - tect - ed. Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing,
 Sav - ior, do not tar - ry! *r.h.*

r.h. *l.h.*

sing, sing! 1-3 When he comes, when he comes, who will make him wel-come?
 4 Je - sus comes, Je - sus comes, we will make him wel-come!

Lead Deacon this month is Derek Hall. **The Conference Room** is available during the service for those who wish to remain separate from the congregation as singing resumes.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 28 th	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	<i>First Sunday in Advent - Hope</i> Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal Worship Sunday School Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 1 st		Confirmation Class
Thursday, 2 nd	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 5 th	10:00 am	<i>Second Sunday in Advent – Peace</i> Worship / Communion
Tuesday, 7 th	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
Thursday, 9 th	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 12 th	5:00 pm	Family Fellowship Lights at La Salette!

It's Poinsettia Time: We will once again be putting poinsettias from Evergreen Nursery on the altar this year! This will be our 3rd year with Evergreen, where they grow their own beautiful plants. This year, poinsettias will cost \$15.50 for red plants. Please place your order before Sunday, December 12th and send it to ralphgiannetti@yahoo.com or the church office, and send your payment to the church office. Please be sure to indicate the number of plants ordered and write 'Poinsettias' on the memo line. As usual, you may also make memorial donations to benefit the Food Pantry for the Christmas bulletin as well.

Jack & Jill Gift Card Fundraiser: This is an excellent year to take advantage of gift cards for the holidays, and Jack & Jill will benefit from any that you buy through their fundraiser. The variety is extensive. The four-page order form is available in the Narthex or the church office and must be turned in by December 10th. Call Katrina at the school, 508-222-1149, if you have any questions.

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