

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, November 28

10:00 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary
Nursery - Room 10
Church School - Todd Hall
11:00 am Coffee Hour
12:00 pm Baptism of Julian Mario

Wednesday, December 1

7 - 8:30 pm Labyrinth in Narthex

Thursday, December 2

1:00 pm Bible Study - Fireside Room



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We Welcome Everyone: An Open and Affirming Church

The Rev. Nancy Rottman, Senior Pastor
Laraine Wilson, Director of Faith Formation
Douglas W. Hodgkins, Organist/Choir Director
Leah O'Brien, Director of Tower Day School
Alison O'Connor, Church Administrator

**"MAKING ROOM (HOPE)"
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:00 AM**

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Prelude

Song of the Watchman

Arr. Blake

Greetings and Announcements

We Open the Door

Hope Waits for Us at Advent

Rev. Nancy

**Hope waits for us at Advent
Hope waits for us to trust.
Hope waits for our commitment
to a land that's kind and just.
In this time of preparation
for the work of co-creation,
for the birthing of a world
that heals the ones in pain.
Hope is born in us again!**

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

Ann Decker

The Peace

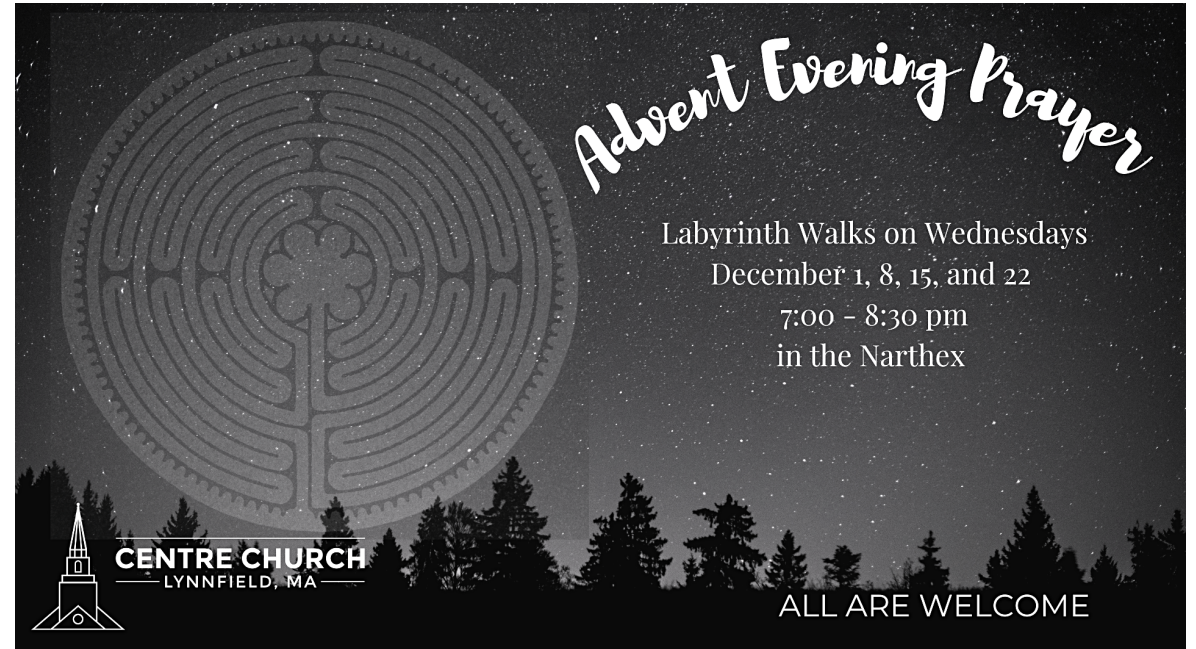
Rev. Nancy: The Hope of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Opening Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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All are welcome to experience evening, candlelit walks on the labyrinth to cultivate hope, peace, joy, and love this Advent. No matter who you are or what faith you live by, or don't, you are welcome to experience this ancient spiritual practice to center yourself in the midst of the busy holiday season and the ongoing stress of pandemic.

Prayers of the People

Make of My Heart a Stable

Udis-Kessler

Make of my heart a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for hope to live and grow.

Make of my life a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for hope to live and grow.

Make of our church a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for hope to live and grow.

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.

Offering

Invitation

Rev. Nancy

Offertory

Advent Credo

Martin

*Hymn of Praise (unison)

Tune: Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Living God, whom we adore**

*Prayer of Dedication

Closing Carol

Introduction

Katherine Decker

O Little Town of Bethlehem.

#23 (booklet)

Benediction

Postlude

Lift Up Your Heads

Arr. Paxton

Our ushers this morning are Stephen Riley and Mike Rottman.. We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please join us for coffee, refreshments and fellowship following the service.

This morning's altar flowers have been given Gerald and Betsy Brown in loving memory of their parents Jane and Bill Thompson, and Walter and Priscilla Brown, as well as Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Scott Morse.



Join us in decorating our Angel Tree!

On Sunday, December 5th, during coffee hour, we will be decorating the Angel Tree. If you like, bring a family ornament or Christmas card to be placed on the tree. Ornaments and decorations will also be available that day. Your family ornament should be labeled so it can be returned to you after the Christmas season. As in past years, Mission and Outreach Ministries will be teaming up with Tower Day School to collect gifts for City Mission's Christmas Shop.



Mini Message

Make Room for Hope

Laraine Wilson

Children may come forward, masked, to participate in the Mini Message

First Reading

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (CEB)

Ann Decker

Anthem

The Manger is Stranger

Udis-Kessler

Second Reading

Psalm 25: 4-5 (CEB)

Ann Decker

(in unison)

**Make your ways known to me, Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—
because you are the God who saves me.
I put my hope in you all day long.**

Sermon

"Fasting in Advent?"

Rev. Nancy Rottman