

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 12

10:00 am Morning Worship - Sanctuary
Nursery - Room 10
Church School - Todd Hall
11:00 am Coffee Hour
11:30 am Diaconate Meeting - Outer Office

Wednesday, December 15

7 - 8:30 pm Labyrinth in Narthex

Thursday, December 16

1:00 pm Bible Study - Fireside Room



CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

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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

"HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH? (JOY)"

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00 AM

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Elevation

Prelude

Loret

Greetings and Announcements

We Open the Door

Joy Waits for Us at Advent

Rev. Nancy

**Joy waits for us at Advent
Joy waits for us to sing.
Joy waits for our amazement
at the grace in everything.
In this time of preparation
for the work of co-creation,
for the birthing of a world
where wonder is restored.
Joy is born in us once more!**

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

The Peace

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

All: And also with you!

Opening Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

booklet #6



WED., 12/15, CANDLELIGHT LABYRINTH WALK

7 - 8:30 pm, Narthex

SUN., 12/19, FOURTH ADVENT WORSHIP "A ROOM WITH A VIEW(LOVE)"

10:00 am, Sanctuary and Livestream

6:00 pm, Christmas Concert Sanctuary

WED., 12/22, CANDLELIGHT LABYRINTH WALK

7 - 8:30 pm, Narthex

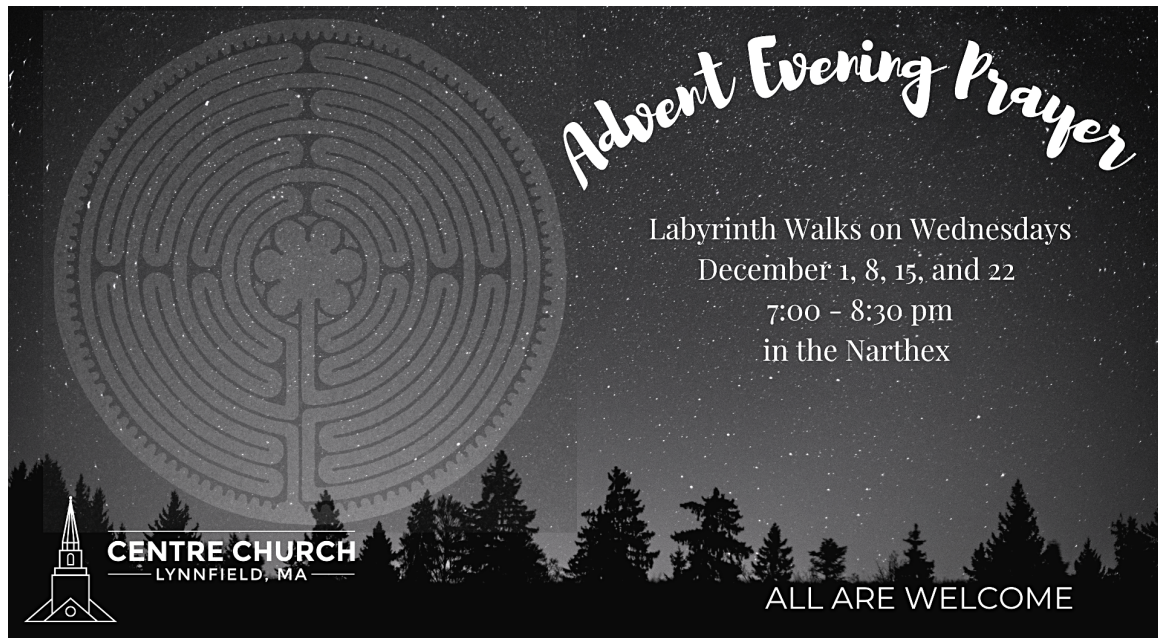
FRI., 12/24, CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00 pm, Worship for all ages, Candles, Lessons and Carols
Sanctuary and Livestream

11:00 pm, Worship with Holy Communion
Candles, Lessons and Carols - Chapel

SUN., 12/26, FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10:00 am, Telling the Story Together
Sanctuary and Livestream



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.

Mini Message

Make Room for Joy

Laraine Wilson

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

First Reading

Isaiah 12:2-6 (CEB)

Katherine Decker

Anthem

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Schwartz

Second Reading

Luke 3:7-18(CEB)

Katherine Decker

Sermon

"Anticipatory Joy"

Rev. Nancy Rottman

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 joy to live and grow.**

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

**Make of our church a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for joy 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

Isaiah The Prophet Has Written Of Old

Carter

*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

What Child is This?

booklet #24

Benediction

Postlude

Sing Aloud To God Our Strength

Hughes



*Our ushers this morning are Bill Seelig and Jeff Law.. We welcome all who are
worshiping with us this morning. Please join us for coffee, refreshments and
fellowship following the service.*

This morning's altar flowers have been given in loving memory of Mary A. Evans
by Richard Evans and family.