

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 26

10:00 am First Sunday of Christmas
Worship in the Chapel
11:00 am Coffee Hour

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



CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM

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5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

December 24, 2021

Prelude

Advent Star

Broughton

Christmas Greeting

We Open the Door

Love Comes to Us at Christmas

Udis-Kessler

**Love comes to us at Christmas
Love comes to heal our souls.
Love brings an invitation
that our hearts might be made whole.
As we gather at the stable
in the darkness, glad and grateful
for the sacred in our midst,
for wonder and delight,
Christ is born in us this night.**

The Light of the Newborn Jesus

The Crosbie Family

The Peace

The Light of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

*Together we carry the light of Christ into the new year.
Beloved, let us love well in the name of Christ in 2022*



Postlude

Masters In This Hall

Hughes

Our Christmas Offering: Your generous support helps continue and strengthen the ministry of Centre Church which touches many lives both in the local community and throughout the world through various local and international organizations and the United Church of Christ.

*Let the light of Jesus shine through your giving and receiving,
this night and all through the new year.
Thank you and Merry Christmas!*

Our ushers this evening are Bill Seelig, Lauren Patriquin-Muise, Jeff Law, Mike Rottman, and Raden Sorli Hawk



Opening Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#19 (booklet)

The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:2-7 (NRSV)

Laraine Wilson

Mini Message

Possibilities

Laraine Wilson

The Story

The Angel Gabriel Speaks to Mary

Luke 1:26-38
Carol

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Linda Ladd
#18

Mary's Response

Luke 1:46-55
Anthem

Jul, Jul

Sue Gustavsen
Arr. De Silva

The Proclamation to Joseph

Matthew 1:18-24
Carol

Angels From the Realms of Glory
vs. 1 & 2

Mike Rottman
#8

The Bethlehem Birth

Luke 2:1-7
The Message

Jeff Law
Rev. Nancy Rottman

Carol
The First Nowell
vs. 1 & 2

#25

The Christmas Prayer

Silent Prayer

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.

Carol
Angels We Have Heard on High
#7

The Community of Witnesses

Luke 2:8-20
Carol
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Lauren Patriquin-Muise
#9

The Christmas Offering

Offertory
A Christmas Blessing
Purifoy

Prayer of Dedication
Carol
Joy to the World! The Lord is Come
Larainne Wilson
#17

Sharing the Light of Christ

Carol
O, Holy Night
Camille Hodgkins, Soprano
Adam

As "O Holy Night" is sung, the ushers will light their candles from the Christ candle and will move down the aisles passing the light to each row. To light your candle, tip your unlit candle into the upright flame of the lit candle. When all the candles are lit, we will join together in the singing of "Silent Night."

Carol (seated)
Silent Night, Holy Night
#12

**Please extinguish your candles and stand as you are able for the
Benediction**

Benediction