

Covenant Congregational Church

1st Sunday of Advent

Worship Service November 28, 2021 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* Olivers, arr. Osman

WELCOME Marcia Johnson

Announcements

Missions Moment: New England Seafarers Mission

*Greeting One Another

Introit *Light the Advent Candle* Schram
Victoria Papetti, violin, Lou Ann Falls, flute

GATHERING

*Call to Worship

All creation holds its breath.

The time is almost here.

The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

Excitement is all around us.

Prepare your hearts—The grace of God takes on human form.

Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-Us, comes to us.

We gather to make ready our hearts

for the coming of Christ, our hope.

*Opening Hymn *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* #135

*Invocation

PROCLAMATION

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope The Papetti Family

Response Chorus:

Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus;

Come and be born in our hearts.

Dismissal Blessing of Children

Congregation: **The Lord be with you!**

Children: **And also with you!**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3: 1 - 4

Psalm Reading: Psalm 126

Response: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“God Remembers”
Gospel Lesson: Luke 1: 5 – 25

Pastor Ryan

RESPONSE

Pastoral Prayer and 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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Silence

Response *Come unto Him from The Messiah* Handel
Kirstie Wheeler, soprano

Offertory *Waiting for the Lord* arr. Curtis

*Advent Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Closing Hymn *Long Ago Prophets Knew* #134

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *Threefold Amen* Traditional

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

POSTLUDE *Prepare the Way* Swedish Melody, arr. Logan

*Please stand as able

Worship Participants

Pastors.....Rev. Dr. Devyn Chambers Johnson and Rev. Ryan Chambers Johnson
Worship Leader.....Marcia Johnson
Advent Lighters.....The Papetti Family
Scripture Reader.....Sam Schumacher
Soloist.....Kirstie Wheeler
Organ.....Susan Santry
Piano.....Alice Fu
Violin.....Victoria Papetti
Flute.....Lou Ann Falls
Music Director.....Ginny Elson
Virtual Music Technician.....Dave Sproul
AV Technician.....Jeff Burton
AV Technician.....Adam Buckley

CCLI Streaming License CSPL0200994 CCLI Copyright License #982653

Children Are Welcome at CCC

We welcome the movement and whispers (that are often louder than whispers) of children in the worship service. In addition:

- Children are welcome to stay in the worship service. There are coloring pages in the Narthex.
- There is a quiet room available during the entire service with an audio feed and window into the sanctuary, second left in the Narthex.
- During worship, preschool to 4th grade children are dismissed for Junior Church and 5th to 7th grade children are dismissed for Tween worship. Children have their classes downstairs and are returned to their parents during the final song of the service. Parents should sign their children in at the table in the narthex and, if they wish, are welcome to accompany them to their classroom to get them settled.

Covenant Congregational Church

204 Center Street, North Easton, MA 02356

Church Office: 508-238-6423 office@ecovchurch.org

Pastor Devyn: 508-238-6423 (x3) pastordevyn@ecovchurch.org

Pastor Ryan: 508-238-6423 (x2) pastorryan@ecovchurch.org



Welcome to Covenant Congregational Church

204 Center Street, North Easton 02356 ☪ (508) 238-6423
www.ecovchurch.org