



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP
First Sunday In Advent

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister
Carleen R. Gerber, Senior Associate Minister
Joan W. Priest, Minister of Visitation
Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

December 3, 2017

9:00 AM

Introit: *Matin Responsory*

G.P. da Palestrina

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #114 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*Call to Worship:

Now is the time of watching and waiting.
The time of pregnant expectation of new life.
Now is the season of hope unfolding.
The dark winter season when hope is waiting to be born.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

Order for Reception of New Members

*Hymn: #120 "Tomorrow Christ Is Coming"

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Veiled In Darkness*

Glenn L. Rudolph

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

Advent Wreath Lighting

God's Neighborhood Youth

Hymn: #364 "This Little Light of Mine"

(First verse only, as children leave. JPF will remain in the service this morning.
Congregation can remain seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer*

The image shows a musical score for the Pastoral Prayer Response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -
cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace."

Scripture: Isaiah 64: 1-9 (OT, pg. 658)

Psalm 80: 1-7 (OT, pg. 519), 17-19 (OT, pg. 520)

Mark 13: 24-37 (NT, pg. 48)

Sermon: "STAY WOKE"

Marilyn Nelson

*Hymn: #117 "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Adam Lay Ybounden*

Boris Ord

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

We thank you for worshipping with us. Following the life and teachings of Jesus, we are a church that strives to be a place of grace, welcoming all regardless of theological expression, age, race, gender, sexual identity, national origin or financial means. In our Church Constitution we recognize that “each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the word of God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience, under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.” The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, established in 1665, cherishes this proud Pilgrim tradition. We are honored by your presence among us, and we invite you to help us become what we endeavor to be.

The flowers this morning are given by David Long in loving memory of the Long family.

The hosts for fellowship hour are members of the Board of Deacons.

The deacon on duty is Susan Lang.

Childcare is available every Sunday morning in the nursery downstairs at the 9 AM service.

If you need help finding it, please ask the ushers to assist you.

If you are visiting us for worship this morning, we welcome you, and invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and refreshments. We invite you to pick up a “Welcome” packet, which can be found in the vestibule. We hope this information will be helpful in acquainting you with our church and its activities and programs. Quiet Activity Bags for young children are in the vestibule. They are colorful bags with quiet projects for our youngest members. Please feel free to offer these bags to your children.

The Rev. David W. Good serves as our Minister Emeritus.

The Rev. Rebecca T. Crosby is our Minister for Haitian Outreach.

Thomas Burke (4th year Yale Divinity School student) serves as minister to the South Lyme Union Chapel.

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

December 17 — Sunday

5:00 PM ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24TH ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 11 AM

No Sunday School.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM Service for families with young children

THE LIVING MANGER

8:00 PM and 10:00 PM

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE MEMORIAL MUSIC & FLOWERS

If you would like to make a contribution to our special Christmas Eve music and flowers in memory of a loved one, please leave a message at the church office,

<fccol@fccol.org> or 860-434-8686 by *Monday, December 11th.*

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

We then, as members of this Church gladly welcome you to take part with us in the hopes, the labors, and the joys of the Church of Christ. We promise to walk with you in Christian love and sympathy, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in the Christian Life.

This morning we are pleased to welcome as new members:

**Mary Kate and Tom Cox
Joe Cipparone
Christine Grem
Susan Hall
Tim Hildner
Ian and Amanda Jarvis
Chet and Suzanne Kitchings
Heather Richardson**

This morning we thank Marilyn Nelson. Marilyn is a member of our church and a Poet Laureate of the state of Connecticut. In celebration of the 350th anniversary of our church, Marilyn has published a volume of original poetry entitled "The Meeting House" that beautifully illuminates many aspects of our church's history.

Adult Forums TODAY: Dr. David & Cary Walker reckoning with the changes in our lives. **December 10: Write a letter, save a life.** The Amnesty International chapter at the high school will be in Fellowship Hall after both services to hold the annual Write 4 Rights campaign here at FCCOL.

NEW LBS COOKBOOK PRESERVES THE WISDOM OF THE AGES LBS has collected more than 300 tested and cherished recipes from members and friends. Some come from Grandma's table; some are almost as new as yesterday. One of the great treasures of our church family is a very deep reservoir of remarkable cooking wisdom accumulated over decades, centuries even. Cookbooks, \$10, available at the church office.

Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, December 8, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor

The Christmas Season is typically steeped with tradition, when families gather and everyone around you seems to be celebrating. All this can make holidays painful when you are grieving the loss of someone who has been a significant part of your life or any painful loss you are facing. We gather this month to share ways to help each of us navigate through the holidays this year. Come join our Growing Through Grief Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be Friday, December 8. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

LBS Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, December 5th at Noon The ever-popular Lyme-Old Lyme High School's Select Choir, under the direction of Kristine Pekar, returns! The LOL High School Select Choir has been performing at the annual December LBS luncheon since the 1970s, when grandparents of current Choir members may well have performed! Luncheons are open to all and are served promptly at noon. The cost is \$5 with a contribution of canned goods for the Shoreline Food Pantry. The music begins about 1 pm. This program is always a sell-out. So please make reservations by calling the church office at 860-434-8686 before noon on Monday, December 4th. Gorgeous projects recently created by the LBS Ladies Who Stitch and holiday treasures from the Elephants-in-Winter sale was also be on offer. The Elephants-in-Winter treasures will be half-off on the morning before the Luncheon.

LBS Elephants In Winter The pre-Christmas Elephants-in-Winter sale takes place in the Fellowship Hall TODAY from 9 am to 1 pm; and at 50% discount on Tuesday, December 5th from 9 am to noon, prior to the monthly Luncheon. The Elephants-in-Winter sale features assorted Christmas decorations and gifts, handmade craft items, and special treasures from many of FCCOL's mission partnerships: from the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota, from Haiti, and from Palestine.

In God's Neighborhood Today in God's Neighborhood we will be searching for the first of the gifts of Advent while doing some fun activities. All Are Welcome — Please join us. Thank you to the children in God's Neighborhood who made brownies and the SPF youth who made chili and served dinner to 115 very appreciative hungry people at the New London Community Meal Center this past Sunday. Following church next Sunday (**December 10**) children who are registered in God's Neighborhood are welcome to attend **Gifts Made With Love** from **10:30-1:30 pm**. There will be gift making, food, Christmas Music, a gift wrap station, healthy snacks and pizza lunch,! Please pre-register early! SPF, please RSVP to help with this event. On **December 17** we will have our **Annual Pageant**. Practice begins at **2:30**. The Pageant is at **5**. We are looking forward to everyone Pre-K thru high school to participate in some way! High Schoolers, please let Lisa Doggart know if you can help with lights, makeup, helping the younger children. Also looking for JPF/SPF help setting up right after the 11 service. Sunday School Parents: Please join us for a **Parent Social** during Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant. **12/17, 2:30-4:30pm** Hosted at the home of Shay and Matt Cantner. Bring a snack and/or drink to share. RSVP to shaycantner@me.com or amandajarvis03@gmail.com

Haiti Trip 2018 for Senior Pilgrim Fellowship is scheduled for April 13 to 20, 2018. Our first meeting will be *Sunday, January 21 at 12 noon*. Please contact Becky Crosby <rtcrosby@ftcrosby.com> if you or your child is interested in joining us this year. More details are in the December newsletter.

Love Flowers? We're looking for someone to coordinate our Sunday morning memorial flower schedule. If you'd like to know more about what this entails, please give Carleen a call at 860-434-0058. Susan Griggs has carried this responsibility for a good number of years, and we are very, very grateful for her service. But now it's time for her to step aside. She'll share all the contacts and information she has gathered with the next person and will be helpful as the new person takes over.

Tree of Life Journey January 2018 January 2-14 with optional extension to Jordan through January 18. "The Right of Return: 70 Years of Refugees in Palestine, Israel, and Beyond." The cost for this journey is \$2100 for double occupancy and \$450 additional for a single room. Cost of the extension is \$700 for double occupancy and \$200 additional for single. *Contact Mary Tomassetti, Tree of Life Executive Director, for more details at mary@tolef.org.*

Fuller Center for Housing Disaster Relief Fuller Center is making plans to respond to the environmental disaster in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. There is the possibility of a group responding to these needs in the first few months of 2018. Please email Allison Hine, allisonghine@gmail.com, and we'll put together a group to talk about potential details in a few weeks.

Bible Study Becky Crosby is leading a study on the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul through his letters and the Book of Acts to discover how he shaped Christianity. To accompany our study, we will read A.N. Wilson's book, "Paul: The Mind of the Apostle." The book can easily be purchased on-line. **Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:45** in the church's Library, and we will meet every Thursday until December 21st, when we will break for Christmas. Please bring your own Bible (all translations are welcome). If you don't own a Bible, we have plenty to share.

Book Study We'll meet on *Sunday, January 7th*, following the 11 am worship service to discuss The Book of Joy: conversations with the Dali Lama and Desmond Tutu, edited by Douglas Carlton. This is a delightful little book chronicling conversations between these two faith leaders – conversations about some of life's challenges and joys, and the ways in which their faith has guided their living. Perhaps this is a good book to consider as a Christmas gift! Martha Beaudoin and Carleen will lead the discussions. You are surely welcome even if you haven't read the book! 12 noon in the church library, January 7th. A Christmas book recommendation from the Environmental folks: The Water Will Come by Jeff Goodell. This recently released book sheds light on the effect rising seas will have on our coastlines, cities, and communities. A good read on an important subject!

THE PARTNERSHIP CO-OP ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE

Thursday, December 7th – Sunday, December 17th

Featuring Native American crafts, Haitian art and Palestinian goods

Join us for our Grand Opening Reception Thursday, December 7th 6pm - 8pm

Wine, snacks and a raffle on Main Street in Old Saybrook!

264 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

(the old Southern Exposure building located between Cartier Optical and Nail Spa)

Storefront hours:

Opening Reception Thursday, December 7th 6pm – 8pm

Friday's, December 8th & 15th 10am – 6pm

Saturday's, December 9th & 16th 10am – 6pm

Sunday's, December 10th & 17th 11am – 5pm

The Partnership Co-operative is a collection of several non-profit organizations based out of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme. All proceeds are returned to the artisans of the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota, participating Haitian artists and the Tree of Life Educational Fund.

To learn more about our collective of non-profits, please visit our websites.

Tribal Crafts, Inc. featuring Lakota art and crafts: www.tribalcrafts.org

The Crosby Fund for Haitian Education: www.crosbyfund.org

Tree of Life Educational Fund: www.tolef.org

An invitation to Artists and Crafters During our all church Open House on December 15th, we will be offering hand made wares for sale by church member artists, church member crafters, and the Partnership Co Op. 20% of the proceeds will go to support church activities and missions. If you would like to reserve a space, please contact Tina West at [860-434-1873](tel:860-434-1873). With limited time to plan, deadline for Artist sign on is this *Wednesday December 6*.

Save the Date FCCOL Christmas Open House, Friday, December 15th, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.

Come sing your favorite carols with the beautiful voices of our choir, visit with friends and celebrate the beauty of the holiday season. As a special treat for parents and caretakers, you are welcome to bring your children to Sheffield Auditorium for an evening of supervised fun while you relax with the big kids in Fellowship Hall! Our own FCCOL Artists will showcase their beautiful wares, and a portion of the proceeds will help support our Partnership Collective

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Sunday School *TODAY at 9:00 am.*

New Members Luncheon *TODAY at 12:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

LBS Christmas Luncheon *Tuesday, December 5th at 12:00 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

Poetry Group *Wednesday, December 6th at 4:00 pm* in the Hoag Parlor.

Children's Choir *Wednesday, December 6th at 5:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Choir *Wednesday, December 6th at 7:30 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study *Thursday, December 7th at 10:45 am* in the Library.

Partnership Co-Op Annual Holiday Sale Reception *Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 pm.*

Grief Group *Friday, December 8th at 10:00 am* in the Hoag Parlor.