



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister
Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Senior Associate Minister
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Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

December 4, 2022

New Members Sunday

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

*Processional Hymn: #115 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People ”

*Call to Worship:

For this precious moment, Spirit of God, may we let go.

May we let go of our anxieties,

our fears,

our anger,

our self-doubts,

our regrets,

our petty grievances, and our distractions.

If only for this one second, then one minute, then one hour, then one day,

may the Spirit of the Christ Child be born in our hearts and minds,

showing the way toward those things that make for peace.

Let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Wreath Lighting

The DaPonte/Lambrecht Family

Order for Reception of New Members

Hymn: #144 “O Come Little Children” (Verse 1)

(Children will leave for Sunday School. Congregation can remain seated.)

Moment for Stewardship

Audrey Brainerd

*Hymn: #119 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

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

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Tenor parts. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!" The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35: 8-10; Isaiah 40: 1-3; Isaiah 42: 16a

Sermon: **On and Off Ramps of the Holy Highway**

Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit

*Hymn: #118 "Return, My People"

Benediction

Benediction Response: *This Is the Truth Sent From Above*

arr. R, Vaughan Williams

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 hosts for Fellowship Hour today are Cathy Mathis, Jerry and Dencie Guindon and the Deacons.

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**TODAY** some goodies remain from yesterday's 2-in-1 Christmas Sale. Stop in and shop, if you'd like, in Sheffield and Fellowship Hall.

**Diaper Bank Saturday:** Our final diaper distribution of 2022 will be December 10th. Adding diapers to your Xmas list would be a wonderful gift to babies and toddlers living in Old Lyme and the surrounding towns.

**PF Breakfast Run, Saturday, December 10th** PF is collecting socks, hats, gloves, gently used coats and toiletries for the Breakfast Run to NYC on December 10th. Bins in the CE office next to the elevator. Drivers meet at church by 6:15 to load cars for departure at 6:30 am for New York City. Please email Laura at [lfitz.nager@gmail.com](mailto:lfitz.nager@gmail.com) to confirm attendance and what you'll bring for breakfast/serve our guests.

**Sunday, December 11th:** Adult Forum "Living with Uncertainty" in Fellowship Hall following the service.

**Tree of Life Journey** Our upcoming Tree of Life journey is scheduled from February 15 to February 25, 2023. We will have the opportunity to go and witness for ourselves the inspiring work of Jewish, Christian and Muslim champions of human rights and voices of conscience in Palestine and Israel. Our travels will allow us to meet with our friends in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron and Nazareth who are eager to welcome us. After our sojourn in the Land of Promise, some will also take part in an extension to Saudi Arabia from February 25th to March 3rd. If you are considering taking part in this journey, please contact Rev. David W. Good, Founder of Tree of Life Education Fund and Minister Emeritus for FCCOL at [da-vidwgood@fccol.org](mailto:da-vidwgood@fccol.org).

**Ushers** If you would like to usher, please step forward and tell the deacon at the door as you arrive. We appreciate your participation!

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#### **Calendar of Events and Meetings**

**LWS Monday, December 5 at 10:00 am** in the Sheffield Auditorium.

**Yoga Tuesday & Thursday at 5:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

**Deacons Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 pm** in the Library.

**Senior Choir Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

**Bible Study Thursday, December 8 at 11:00 am** in the Library and on Zoom.

**Adult Forum Sunday, December 11 at 11:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall.