



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

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

December 11, 2022

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Praise to God!*

Camille Saint-Saëns

*Processional Hymn: #127 “Life Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”

*Call to Worship:

For the hungry and the overfed
May we have enough
For the tired and the energetic
May we connect with one another
For the troubled and the lighthearted
May we seek the truth together
For the unhoused and the overworked
May we be warm and welcoming
For the lonely and the comfortable
May we gather to worship God as one people of blessing.
Amen.

*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Wreath Lighting

The Kazadi Family

Hymn: #144 “O Come Little Children” (Verse 1)
(Children will leave for Sunday School. Congregation can remain seated.)

Moment for Stewardship

Dana Dixon

*Hymn: #129 “Of Eternal Love Begotten”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Make Straight In the Desert*

John Carter

*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: *Hear Our Prayer*

The image shows a musical score for a four-part setting of the prayer. It consists of four staves: two vocal staves (Soprano and Bass) and two piano accompaniment staves (Right and Left Hand). 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; incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8; Matthew 3:13-17

Lina Tuck

Sermon: **On the Banks of the East River: Belovedness Over Coffee**

Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager

*Hymn: #130 "O Christ, How Shall I Meet You "

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Sing Now With Great Rejoicing*

Johann Pachelbel

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 image on the cover is by the artist Swed Oner, Paris, France.

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The host for Fellowship Hour today is Lee Whitaker.  
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TODAY: Adult Forum "Living with Uncertainty" in Sheffield Auditorium following the service.

The Meetinghouse Christmas Tree. We are once again collecting items for the folks at the New London Homeless Hospitality Center. Warm socks and coffee (ground) are particularly helpful. We'll be gathering items all the way through Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Thank you.

Share a cookie, join the fun. Next Sunday, following the children's Christmas Pageant, please join us for a festive coffee hour in Fellowship Hall to celebrate the season. Please bring a dozen of your family's favorite Christmas cookies to share if you can. All are encouraged to come!

Our Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 17th, from 3:00-5:00 pm with pizza. Please arrive by 2:45 to Sheffield auditorium to change into costumes! Calling all shepherds, sheep, cows, angels and Magi! Email D. Andrews at dandrewse@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday, December 18, 3 PM. Please join your friends at the South Lyme Union Chapel for its annual Carol Sing on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 3 PM. The Select Singers from Lyme-Old Lyme High School will perform favorite carols and music of the season, and scriptures will be read. Please join us for refreshments immediately following in our fellowship room. The chapel is located at 308 Mile Creek Rd., in Old Lyme.

Wednesday, December 21st at 6:15 there is an ecumenical worship service at All Souls Unitarian Church in New London to honor and remember all those—everywhere—who are homeless. All are welcome.

Message from the Treasurer. Each year around this time we ask all members and friends, if you are able, to satisfy your 2022 Stewardship Campaign commitments. And as always, special gifts at the holiday season are especially appreciated so we can meet needs of those less fortunate. Thank you all for supporting our church. Bob McCracken, Treasurer.

Tree of Life Journey. Our upcoming Tree of Life journey is scheduled from February 15-25, 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. Afterwards, some will also take part in an extension to Saudi Arabia from February 25th to March 3rd. If you are interested, please contact Rev. David W. Good, at davidwgood@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!

Calendar of Events and Meetings

Adult Forum TODAY at 11:30 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

LWS Monday, December 12 at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

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

Trustees Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Senior Choir Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study: Special Art Presentation by Becky Thursday, December 15 at 11:00 am on Zoom.

Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 18 at 11:30 am during the Worship Service.