



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

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

December 25, 2022

10:00 AM

Prelude: *Fete Noel: A Medley of French Carols* arr. by Marcia Schweitzer
Elm City Winds

*Processional Hymn: #141 "The First Nowell"

*Call to Worship:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of one who brings good tidings.

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is born this day.

God has delivered comfort to all people, brought bloom to the wasteland,
shown grace throughout the world.

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is born this day.

The prophet's hopes are made flesh, and all our longings are made human in joy.

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is born this day.

Let us worship God.

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Response in Music: *What Child Is This* arr. by Bill Holcombe
Elm City Winds

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #135 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

A Christmas Reading: Annunciation by Denise Levertov

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music: *Silent Night* arr. by Marcia Schweitzer
Elm City Winds

*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

A Christmas Reading: Papa Panov's Special Christmas, by Leo Tolstoy (Part I)

*Hymn: #138 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. by Marcia Schweitzer
Elm City Winds

A Christmas Reading: Papa Panov's Special Christmas, by Leo Tolstoy (Part II)

*Closing Hymn: #134 "Joy to the World, The Lord Is Come"

Benediction

Postlude: *Umoja*

Valerie Coleman
Elm City Winds

**Congregation Standing*

*We're grateful to the Elm City Winds Quintet for offering our special music today:
Laura Caruthers (clarinet), Emily Fine (french horn), Adrienne Gallagher (bassoon,
Jennifer Sidney (flute), Caesar Storlazzi (oboe)*

*Our offering on Christmas Eve supported the work of our Ministers'
Discretionary Fund. Donations to this fund will still be gratefully received!*

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**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.**

Annual reports from Boards and Committees are due Wednesday, January 11, 2023.  
**THE ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023,  
AFTER THE 10:00 AM SERVICE.**

The host for Fellowship Hour today is Wendy Knight.

**New Year's Day Service** is on January 1st at 10:00 am. Join us as we celebrate the new year!

**Epiphany Service & Potluck:** Join us on Friday, January 6 at 6:00 PM in celebration of Three Kings Day, otherwise known as the 12th Day of Christmas.

**God's Neighborhood Sunday School** meets weekly during the school year during the 10:00 am church service. In the second half of our Sunday school year, we'll continue with our theme of *The Deep Blue Sea: Sacred Stories of Care for One Another and the Earth* and explore the sacred gift of water and its importance to our world. We'll be reading gospel stories of Jesus with his friends and learning about how different countries and communities use and depend on water for life. As our Lakota friends have taught us, "Mni Wiconi," "*Water is Life!*" All children Pre-K-grade 8 are welcome to join us. We offer a nursery for those younger children as well starting at 9:55 am. We will resume God's Neighborhood on January 8th, 2023.

Our Youth Group, Pilgrim Fellowship, of Middle and High School students meets 1-2 times a month for social and service projects. Our next meeting is Sunday, January 22nd, from 4-6 pm for a taco dinner and movie. Bring a friend!

**2023 Offering Envelopes.** For those of you who have desired offering envelopes for 2023, they're in the connector for you to pick up.

**Save the Date:** Chili Cookoff, Friday night, February 3rd, 6-8 pm

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**Calendar of Events and Meetings**  
**Office Closed** *Monday, December 26.*  
**Food Pantry Closed** *Saturday, December 31.*  
**New Year's Day Service** *Sunday, January 1 at 10:00 am.*  
**Office Closed** *Monday, January 2.*