

**December 4, 2016**

**9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Services**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*With Jesus as our anchor and compass,  
God bids us to be a blessing in the world.*

RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE – “Conditor alme siderum” Weidner

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER – **Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your deep peace. Prepare us now to receive your living Word with joy through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE (response blue hymnal No. 134)

9:00 – Carlene Brown and Marcia Martinson

11:00 – Emir Sehic and Courtney Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP – (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

A voice crying in the wilderness,

***A word needing to be heard:***

Prepare the way. Get ready all hearts, create a quiet place.

***Listen. Listen deep.***

A voice shouting in the desert:

***Feed the hungry, shelter the homeless,***

Make ready the world.

***To receive the Good News that Christ is coming!***

***Rejoice!***

\*HYMN – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” blue hymnal No. 119

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION - (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

***God of heavenly choruses and humble beginnings, wing your way into our hearts. Let us know a peace that calms unrealistic expectations. Let us be lifted by angels’ song and see with new perspective what is truly important. Let love grow and let us be filled with an overwhelming sense of awe and grace. God of angel songs and humble miracles, wing your way into our lives and fill us with joy. In the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen.***

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*KYRIE ELEISON (sung in unison)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ANTHEM – Bell Peal on “How Great Our Joy” arr. L. Lamb

GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 1:18-23 Bible p. 783

SERMON – “Emmanuel – God Is With Us” Rev. Terry Martinson

OFFERING

Offertory – “Il Est Ne, le Divin Enfant” arr. D. Wood

\*DOXOLOGY blue hymnal No. 46

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PRAYER

**O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN – “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”  
blue hymnal No. 124

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

SANCTUS (all singing)  
*Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!*  
*My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – (Chalice Worship)

*God our help, we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your servant Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.*

\*HYMN – “People, Look East” blue hymnal No. 142

BENEDICTION (Congregation seated)

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”  
 arr. D. Wagner

POSTLUDE – “Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending” Powell

*Please stay seated and enjoy the Postlude.*  
*If you wish to leave, please do so quietly.*

**\*All who are able, please stand.**

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*Next Sunday, December 11, we hope you will all find a parking spot near the church OTHER than at Carlton Hall. With all of the “Visions” activities, we need to ask our parishioners to park anywhere BUT at Carleton Hall! Thank you!!*

**D-YECH Supermarket Gift Card Program:** Have you tried our easy way to do your part in homelessness prevention? Using our gift cards helps to provide necessary funds to the Housing Assistance Corporation in their effort to minimize family homelessness. Five percent of card sales goes directly to this much-needed program. Find out more between services at our sales table during Fellowship Hour.

Today	<u>9:00 Service</u>	<u>11:00 Service</u>
Deacons of Day:	Emir Sehic	Paul Gray
Ushers:	Frank Corsini Carlene Brown Elsa Erickson	Bob & Doris David Sue Day

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## CHURCH NEWS AND NOTICES

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**We welcome guests** to our worship today. We hope that you will share in the fellowship time between our worship services. Please sign one of our guest books located at the entrances to the sanctuary.

**Visitors:** If you would like more information about Dennis Union Church, please fill out a guest card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

**Take a red cup** so that we may greet you. **Members:** Greet someone carrying a **red cup** and introduce them to our church community.



### Today's altar flowers

are given by  
the family

"In memory of Dorothy and Harry Arlanson  
(Nana and Pop Pop)"

**Food Sunday:** Today we are collecting canned and nonperishable food items for the Cape Cod Council of Churches Food Pantry. Food can be placed in the bin at the Communion table. If you prefer to give money or a check made out to DUC (noted: Food Pantry), brown envelopes have been placed in the pews for your convenience.

For your convenience, our **Crib Room** is located directly off the sanctuary.

**Celebrating a Birthday:** George Mabee, Dec. 1; Jane Wilson, Dec. 2; Beth Boyd, Dec. 11; Mary Morrison, Dec. 11; Dick Discus, Dec. 26; Deb Anderson, Dec. 28; Enid Guilmartin, Dec. 30.

**Celebrating an Anniversary:** George & Barbara Mabee, Dec. 1; Ed & Bev Brink, Dec. 15; Ralph & Nancy Aceti, Dec. 16; Chuck & Lois D'Avolio, Dec. 19; Peter & Connie Rosenberger, Dec. 21; Dick & Cindy Fiscus, Dec. 29; Paul & Barbara Gray, Dec. 31.

**Auction News!** There will be a men's breakfast for the Auction Pick Up Crew on Tuesday, December 6, at 8:00 a.m., at the Mercantile! If you're interested, please talk to or call Dick Hammond at 508-258-1679.

**The Personnel Committee** is happy to report that all employee 2016 annual reviews, by chairpersons and committees, have been completed!

Another reason why buying **D-YECH Food Cards** is important:

*Jenny and her daughter rent a subsidized apartment. She's being treated for cancer, and the transportation costs to get to Boston have made it difficult to keep up with her rent share. We were able to arrange Mass Health transportation for her going forward, and Prevention paid the past due rent to prevent her eviction.*

Join us for "Tuesdays with Terry" Adult Ed. on Tuesday, December 6. We will discuss Commandment 9, Helping Those in Need.



**Annual Cookie Sale** is on Sunday, December 11, between services. The first dozen is \$5.00 and \$3.00 for each dozen after that. Proceeds are going to the Colombia mission project. Think about your favorite cookie recipes....and **bake, bake, bake!!!!** Cookies can be dropped off at the church on Saturday morning or bring them early Sunday.

**D-YECH Gift Cards** (from almost every store [and some restaurants] you can think of) are available at church! There's a long list to choose from. They can take a couple of weeks to get here, so get your orders in! A good percentage of the cost goes directly to homeless prevention...with **NO COST TO YOU!** See Rachel Simons, Mert Ingham, or Nancy in the office if interested.



**Christmas Poinsettias!** You can order your plant today during fellowship. Plants can be purchased in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

**THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH**

**TODAY**                    **9:00 & 11:00 Worship**  
**Dec. 4**                    10:00 Fellowship Hour  
                                 12:30 Confirmation Class

**MONDAY**                4:00 Women's Song  
**Dec. 5**                    5:00 Christian Ed.  
                                 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts

**TUESDAY**              8:45 Auction Crew  
**Dec. 6**                    9:30 Clergy  
                                 10:30 Adult Ed.

**WEDNESDAY**         7:00 Choir  
**Dec. 7**

**THURSDAY**            3:00 ONA  
**Dec. 8**                    7:30 Al-Anon

**FRIDAY**  
**Dec. 9**

**SATURDAY**  
**Dec. 10**

**SUNDAY**                **9:00 Christmas Pageant**  
**Dec. 11**                10:00 Cookie Sale & Fellowship  
                                 **11:00 Worship**  
                                 12:00 Christmas "Stroll"  
                                 4:00 Messiah Sing

## PRAYER LIST AND CONCERNS

On Sunday afternoon, December 11, Dennis Union will hold a "**Messiah Sing.**" Reviving a tradition which the Chatham Chorale long sponsored, the public and anyone from church is invited to come and sing, or come and listen. Singers should come from 1:45 to 2:15 to pick up a score and get a seat. We will rehearse the Christmas portions of this great work by Handel from 2:15-3:30. Then we'll take a short break and sing through the entire piece at 4 p.m. . Conducted by Maggie Bossi.



### **Hats, Gloves, Mittens and Socks:**

Our monthly collections to help others are going very, very well. During the month of December, we will collect hats, gloves, mittens and socks to keep our neighbors warm. Our goal is 200 pairs!



This year, the **Children's Christmas Pageant** will be on Sunday morning, December 11, at the 9:00 a.m. service.

This year, the **Christmas Stroll** will take place on Sunday, December 11, from 12:00 to 3:30 p.m. here in Dennis. Many businesses will hold open houses. Plenty of activities for the family. Join in the fun!

The annual Town of Dennis celebration, "**The Living Creche**" will take place on Saturday, December 17. The procession will form at 4:45 at the Cape Playhouse, and participants are asked to bring their own candle. There will be caroling under the stars, followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall. There will be a concert at 4:00 p.m. (rehearsal for Music Sunday) right before the Living Creche.

On Saturday, December 24 (**Christmas Eve**), we will have two candlelight services...one at 4:00 p.m., and one at 9:00 p.m.

You are encouraged to join the members of the **Open & Affirming** team on Thursday, at 3:00 p.m., to draft the "welcoming statement" for the Dennis Union Church.

\***Rachel Simons** struggling with post-surgical infection  
**Richard Norton** with a broken hip  
**Lexi Evangelous** in the hospital  
**Angie Loftus** with health concerns  
**Carol Jacobs** with health concerns  
**Geri Noble** with health concerns  
**Roberto Kraemer** with health issues (Midge Kuntz' son in law)  
**Diana Hanford** with health issues  
**Ginnie Haskell** with health issues  
**Bill Tucker**  
**Beth Boyd**  
**Richard Burnham**  
**Bob Colpitts** (brother of Nancy Aceti) serious health concerns  
**Bob Macklin** – Betsy Crowell's father  
**Muriel Hanger**  
**Kennedy Joy Coke:** member of Cerbone family with serious health concerns  
**Carol Maggs** with serious health issues  
**Anthony Coccio, Jr.,** son of Tony Coccio  
**George Buffington** at Harbor Point  
**Service men and women** serving at home and abroad  
**Joan Marsh** at Pleasant Bay

\*new prayer requests and concerns

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