

**Next Sunday, December 6:
Christmas Caroling - 4-5 pm
Upper Parking Lot**

Bring your own cocoa for socially distanced caroling! You can even stay in your car. Bring your own nativity sets and display them from your trunk for an Advent version of Trunk or Treat! Please consider bringing new socks to donate to the homeless. Come celebrate!

**Please email the church office: admin@fccyarmouth.org
or call 508-362-6977
to reserve a spot for the following December events:**

**Advent Zoom sessions with Will
focused on the themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love
Thursdays, December 3, 10, and 17 at 7 pm**

**Open House at the Vaus's Sunday, December 20, 12 - 5 pm
[half hour time slots; max 10 at one time]**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5 and 7 pm
[reservations required; maximum capacity 70 per service]**

2021 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2021 have been prepared by the Collector for everyone who requested them and/or made notable use of envelopes during 2020. The envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex (on the table just inside the south entrance), or they can be brought outdoors to you if you prefer not to enter the building. If you find that envelopes have not been prepared for you and you would like a box, please contact the church office.

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Pastor Will's Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-5:00
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Established 1639



Welcome to Back Porch Worship!

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November 29, 2020

PRELUDE "Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying" - J.S. Bach

MEMORIAL CHIMES "Savior of the Nations, Come"

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

CHORUS:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.
[chorus]

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
and drive away the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light!
[chorus]

O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
[chorus]

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace.
[chorus]

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - Karleen Laviana & Diane Martindale

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming.

*He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning
hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for
war anymore. [Isaiah2:4]*

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

HYMN "Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Advent Reflection

- Mark Patterson

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

[June Davidson, piano]

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 1:18-25*

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

SERMON

"Christmas Is a Challenge"

- Rev. Will Vaus

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Come Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "God Be With You"

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

- Robert J. Powell