Central Square Congregational Church, UCC
71 Central Square, Bridgewater MA 02324 – (508) 697-6016 – csccucc.org
"We are a Christian community of people who are reaching out to our neighbors,
at home and abroad, sharing our faith and our resources."

We are delighted to have you in Worship tonight!
In our church, no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!

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December 24th, 2021 – 5:00 PM

*CHRISTMAS EVE*

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS:

Cristi Ciaramitaro
Hannah McElman
Bob Richards
Prelude

“Joy to the World” by Jim Brickman

Welcome

Opening Music: “When Christmas Comes to Town” from The Polar Express
Performed by Cristi Ciaramitaro and Hannah McElman

Call to Worship

One: On this holiest of nights, we gather,
All: joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.
One: On this most silent night, we gather,
All: our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.
One: On this nights of carols and candlelight, we gather,
All: our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.
One: Let us join our hearts in worship!

Prayer of Invocation

God of Surprising Love and Hope, we come this evening to the manger, to witness to the one who brings hope to the world. Open our hearts tonight as we hear the story anew. Help us to be guided by the Light of Jesus Christ that we may truly feel the power of your love and bring that love, with joy, to all we meet. Help us, Loving God, to be the faithful, gracious, loving, giving, and forgiving people you would have us be. Be with us in our worship this night and fill us with the same awe from this same night, so long ago. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Musical Offering: “Believe” Cristi Ciaramitaro

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Musical Offering: “O Holy Night” Hannah McElman

Reading: “A Very Noisy Christmas” written by Tim Thornborough
Singalong:  
“Away in a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle, 'til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

Reading:  
“The Silent Noisy Night”  written by Jill Roman Lord

Meditation

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer for All People on Christmas

Sharing the Light of Christ

Singalong:  
“Silent Night”

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright,  
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Proclamation

Postlude  
“Little Jesus Boy”  arr. Mahalia Jackson  
Played by Bob Richards
UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 26th
Christmas Hymn Sing Sunday

Sunday, January 2nd
Special Music Sunday
“A Year of Jubilee”
with Julia Scott Carey

Sunday, January 9th
Epiphany and Communion Sunday

Do you need a meal, a call, spiritual care, or even just a prayer?
Contact the Office, a Deacon, or a member of our Care Team.

To contact Rev. Beth, call the church office at 508-697-6016 or email her at csccppastor@hotmail.com.

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End-of-Year Giving

We encourage you to continue your support of CSCC, to the degree you are able. Offerings can be made in any of the following ways: * Checks can be mailed to the church (71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324) * Bill-pay through your bank can be set up for one-time or recurring payments * Payments can be made via the Paypal link at the top of our website home page (www.cscucc.org).

If you have any questions, you can email the Treasurer directly and confidentially at treasurer@cscucc.com or call the church office at 508-697-6016.
Christmas Poinsettia Memorial List

On Christmas Eve, you may take home your poinsettia at the end of the worship service that you attend.

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