

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON
December 5, 2021



Second Sunday of Advent
Waiting for a New Beginning

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRELUDE

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (S. Temple)
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Nettleton)

Carolyn Roussel

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP and LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH

Glee Huddlestun

One: In Advent we watch and wait for Christ's coming.

Many: **We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.**

One: Today we light one candle in hope. We light another for peace.

(Congregation sings while two candles are lit.)

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

One: Rejoicing over the birth of his son, John the Baptizer, Zechariah sang this song:

“By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

God of hope, Prince of Peace,

You speak peace into the world in the Way of the Christ Child.

Many: **Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may be called children of God.**

One: God of hope, God of peace,

All: Into our darkness come.

*HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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SCRIPTURE: Malachi 3:1-4

Glee Huddlestun

3 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. **2** But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; **3** he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.^[a] **4** Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11

3 I thank my God every time I remember you, **4** constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, **5** because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. **6** I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

One Voice: The word of God, for the people of God.
Many Voices: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Please stand as we sing
Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be, world without end. Amen

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Alayne McNulty

OFFERING of GIFTS

Musical Offering

Near the Cross

arr. John Turner

CALL to PRAYER

Christ Be Our Light

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

JOYS and CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

One Voice: Gracious God,

Many Voices: **Hear our prayer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

HYMN

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

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PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One Voice: May the words of my mouth,

All Voices: **And the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.**
(Psalm 19)

SERMON

Waiting for a New Beginning

Rev. Carol McVetty

Celebration of the Lord's Supper**INVITATION to the TABLE**

One Voice: We gather around this Table early in Advent as we wait and watch for the coming of Christ.

**Many Voices: We wait and watch, O God, for your just and loving reign.
And we wait and watch for the chance to make a new beginning.**

One Voice: Perhaps what we wait for is right here, in this bit of bread, this tiny cup.
Perhaps your love and justice begin their fulfillment here. Perhaps, the strength to make a new beginning is found here.

Many Voices: Open our eyes to see you, Lord Christ, here among us. Feed us with your love, your justice, your power to renew our lives.

One Voice: All who love the Lord Jesus and seek to serve him are welcome at his table.

BLESSING and SHARING of the BREAD**Let Us Break Bread Together**

Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

Oh Lord, have mercy on me,

BLESSING and SHARING of the CUP**I Must Tell Jesus**

I must tell Jesus

All of my trials

I cannot bear these burdens alone

In my distress

He kindly will help me

He ever cares and loves His own

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING (unison **Eternal God, we give you thanks that you came among us in the Babe of Bethlehem. And we thank you that you come among us again as we gather to share this holy meal. Grant that we may go from this table into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Carol McVetty

POSTLUDE AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* arr. J. Carter

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Week two of our advent daily devotional. "The Season of Almost" by Kate Bowler, can be found attached to this week's FLASH, or go to katebowler.com/advent.