

BREAK OPEN THE HEAVENS!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2012



ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Established 1727

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Friendly Church at the Center
An Open and Affirming Community

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Sunday, December 9, 2012

10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We welcome all and extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! Join us in Chapin Hall for fellowship time after worship. The Welcome Table in Chapin Hall offers information about the church and members who can answer your questions. Hearing devices and large-print bulletins are available for worship—ask an usher. Nursery care is always available downstairs in Room 4.

***Gathering Our Advent Prayers.** As the heavens break open this advent season, you are invited to offer a prayer of hope, peace, joy, or love in this sacred place. As we gather for worship, please come forward to the communion table, and place the ribbon that corresponds to your prayer in the large glass container. Ribbons are available in the narthex and in the front of the sanctuary.*

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

PREPARING THE WAY

Liz Reed-Swale and Meghan D. Young

Isaiah 64:1-2

Sung Congregational Response: **Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord.**

PRELUDE

Please use the prelude as a time for personal prayer and preparation of your heart for worship.

“Bethlehem Road”

by David Paxton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Please include your full address and phone number as you sign our friendship registration pads, and please wear your nametags. All announcements should be written down and given to the ushers or pastors prior to worship.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Someone is coming.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Someone is coming to the breathless.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Someone is coming who cares and who puts their care into action.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

* HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Pilgrim Hymnal 110

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH *(see insert)*

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

The March of Toys

While toys are being brought forward, please join in singing

“O Come, Little Children,” (inserted in the bulletin)

CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL

(Children are invited to depart for S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School)

“We Will Keep a Place For You”

by John Corrado



We will keep a place for you where - ev - er you may go.



We'll sus-tain this home of faith and love you've come to know. Go in peace, bring



hope to hearts that yearn. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn.

* UNISON PRAYER

O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let your herald’s urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of your kingdom. In the advent seasons, when the past has fled, unmasked, away, and there is nothing left to do but wait, God, shelter us. Be our surrounding darkness; be the fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time. In uncertain times, help us to greet the dawn and labor on, love on, in faith awaiting your purpose hid in you, waiting to be born in due time. Oil the hinges of our hearts’ doors that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming. Amen.

* GLORIA ACCLAMATION

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GOD SHARES WORDS OF LOVE AND LIFE

BREAKING OPENING THE WORD

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 1:26-38

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

“Breath of Heaven”

by Amy Grant/Courtney

The Choir

I have traveled many moonless nights,
Cold and weary with a babe inside.
And I wonder what I've done. Holy Father,
You have come and chosen me now
To carry Your Son.

I am waiting in a silent prayer.
I am frightened by the load I bear.
In a world as cold as stone
Must I walk this path alone?
Be with me now, be with me now.

Breath of Heaven, hold me together,
Be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.
Breath of Heaven, Lighten my darkness,
pour over me Your holiness for
You are holy, Breath of Heaven.

Do You wonder, as You watch my face,
If another should have had my place?
But I offer all I am for the mercy of Your plan.
Help me be strong, help me be, help me.

Breath of Heaven, hold me together,
be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness,
Pour over me Your holiness, Breath of Heaven.

Breath of Heaven, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness,
Pour over me Your holiness for You are holy.
Breath of Heaven, Breath of Heaven,
Breath of Heaven, Breath of Heaven.

SERMON

“Break Open to ‘Yes’”

Meghan D. Young

* HYMN

“Mary, Woman of the Promise”

New Century Hymnal 123

LIFTING UP OUR PRAYERS

(We invite your oral prayer requests – keeping the request brief and identifying the first name for the pastors. Trust that God knows the details of the need.)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

AND THE LORD’S PRAYER *(debts/debtors)*

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

A - - men,
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OFFERING INVITATION

For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in giving back to God with joy and gratitude.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Angel Came Last Night”

by Liz Reed-Swale

The angel came last night
And said I'm going to be the bearer of the greatest gift on earth.

I can hear them now: "She must be out of her mind..."

Well, I'm feeling kind of crazy now, for what it's worth.

Don't you want someone better? I'm always wrong.

According to my mother, I'm not obedient or strong.

And I don't know if I can be all that you now ask of me;

I've let you down before.

And I don't know how I can know all the things I'm supposed to know;

Doesn't he need more? I'm just a girl.

My husband, he's a darling,

But I'm not sure he understands the weight that I now carry

Into this new year, into the wilderness, to Bethlehem,

Into this new era for humankind.

Joseph, do you believe me?

I know it's hard

And I don't know if I can be all that God now asks of me;

I've let him down before; and I don't know how courage comes and goes,

oh, maybe no one knows, but I do know I need you with me;

I'm just a girl.

God with us, he'll be God with us. God with us, oh, please, God, be with us

I don't know if I can be all that you now ask of me;

I've let you down before and I don't know how courage comes and goes,

Oh, maybe no one knows, but I do know I need you with me;

I'm just a girl.

The angel came last night and said "Mary, you're not just a girl."

* DOXOLOGY

As we sing the Doxology, praising God for all our blessings, some in our congregation sing this inclusive language version: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye Heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen." You are welcome to sing whatever words are in your heart.

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. A - men. -

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

BREAKING OPEN

Adapted from "Go In Pieces" by Pádraig Ó Tuama

Leader: The gathering has ended. Go in pieces.

**People: Our faith has been rear-ended, certainty amended,
and something might be mended that we didn't know was torn.**

Leader: And we are fire, bright, burning fire,
alive in the broken wonder in which we'll find,

People: our loving and beloved brother, mother, sister, father, friend.

Leader: And so friends, our gathering has ended.
Go in pieces to see and feel your world.

* THE PRACTICE OF PEACE

We practice sharing Christ's peace with one another as a sign of reconciliation and love. It is not simply our peace, but the peace of Christ that we offer. The peace may be shared with a handshake, embrace, or a non-contact gesture. Please respect the wishes of those with whom you exchange the peace. You are invited to extend peace to your neighbor with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."

* HYMN

During the Advent season, our third hymn will be a Christmas carol acknowledging the reality that we celebrated Christ's birth in the world 2000 years ago even as we await His birth again in our hearts.

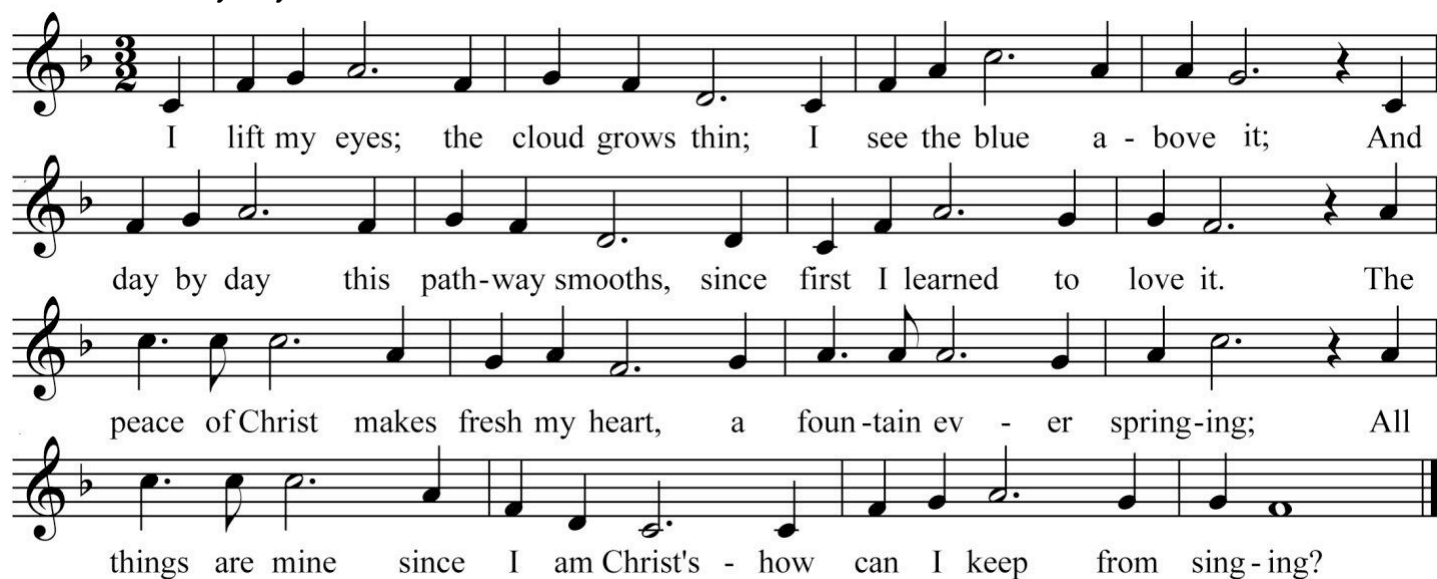
"Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child"

New Century Hymnal 136

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

New Century Hymnal 476 (verse 4)



I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a - bove it; And
day by day this path-way smooths, since first I learned to love it. The
peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing; All
things are mine since I am Christ's - how can I keep from sing-ing?

POSTLUDE

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

GREETERS

Bob Simmons and Bea Donahue

HOSPITALITY

Elaine Somes, Phyllis Wilkey

ACOLYTES

Mark Sheehan, John Speers

USHERS

Tom, James, Ben and Will Rolfe
Gael and Gregson Curtin, Cheryl Hummel

The flowers this morning are given in memory of

Stephanie Parsons by Nancy Parsons and family.

BREAK OPEN THE HEAVENS!

*O God, that you would break open the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence. . .
that the nations may tremble at your presence!*

Isaiah 64:1-2

NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 16

Scripture: Luke 1:39-45 – Mary and Elizabeth

Sermon: “Break Open to Blessing”

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner

S.P.I.R.I.T. Faith Nurture Ideas

These faith nurture ideas coordinate with the weekly session plans for church school. We hope you will join us in learning, teaching, and growing together!

Here's what we're learning about this week...

COME JOIN THE CIRCLE: Unit 2 – Mary & Elizabeth's First Christmas

MARY'S SONG

Read the Song: Luke 1:46-55

Reflect on the Song:

Mary is young and became pregnant before her marriage. She is described as *anawim* – a Hebrew word meaning “those who are marginalized and excluded.” Yet she is chosen by God to give birth to the long promised Messiah. What happens to her is a sign that God's way is not like the world's way. In God's reign, the proud are scattered, the lowly are lifted up, the hungry are filled, and the rich sent away empty.

Many people in our world – perhaps you yourself – walk a rough road. They know what it is to feel lowly and hungry. What witness comes to us from those who have been excluded and are on the margins? Think of ways you can work with others to demonstrate God's commitment to justice, both in your community and around the world.

Sing the Song. *Talk about the Bible story children and youth explored this week and try this:*

- 1) Check your hymnal for settings of Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).
- 2) Make it a practice to be at worship each Sunday and to participate in the special services your church offers.
- 3) Set up a crèche or nativity scene if you have one. Talk about the different characters in the story. Wonder what Mary and Joseph did to get ready for the coming of their new baby.
- 4) Write or call someone who, like Mary, has spoken up for justice.

A Prayer For The Unit. God, you bring hope to all people just the way each new day is a new beginning. Help us to bring hope to others just the way you do. Amen.



Jingle Bell Rock!

A Children's Christmas Carol Party

Come join us for a fun-filled morning of singing everyone's favorite Christmas carols, playing games, making crafts, and decorating tasty treats.

Saturday, December 15th, 9 AM – 12 PM

(Adult supervision provided.)

Open to ALL children in PreK - 5th Grade

Bring a non-perishable food item or new toy for those in need in our community.

RSVP Appreciated:

Please Call 860-529-4167, ext 204 or email meghan@rhccucc.org to let us know you're coming!

PARENTS:

Church school ends at 11:15 AM.

Please pick-up your children at the following locations.

(So that the children may focus through the end of their class, we ask that you do not look through the classroom windows, and that you wait for the teacher to end class by opening the classroom door.)

CLASS	PICK-UP LOCATION
Pre-K	SHOW & TELL RM. 25 & RM. 27 <i>Christian Education Hallway</i>
K - 1st Grade	HANDS ON RM. 23 <i>Christian Education Hallway</i>
2nd & 3rd Grade	FUN & GAMES RM. 24 <i>Christian Education Hallway</i>
4th & 5th Grade	COMMUNITY LIFE RM. 22 <i>Christian Education Hallway</i>
6th-8th Grade	FOOD & PEOPLE Youth Room <i>Ground Floor of Church</i>

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS REQUESTED: Donations of storage bins and toy boxes are needed to organize the Nursery. Additionally, Nursery Volunteers are needed for December and January. If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee (RHCCchildcare@gmail.com) for more information. You can also sign-up outside the Nursery.

Epiphany Pageant Kick-Off, TODAY!

Each year we worship in wonder and mystery, bringing the story of Christmas and Epiphany to light, as worship leaders of ALL ages put on costumes and remember through word and action, the birth story of our faith. **If you interested in leading worship by participating in the Epiphany pageant on January 6th, please join us following worship today in the chapel, December 9th. We will introduce the pageant and assign parts. ALL ages are welcome.** Rehearsals will be on Saturday, December 15th, 2-3:30 PM, and on Saturday, January 5th, 10 AM – 12 PM. *See Meghan Young for more information.*



THIS WEEK AT RHCC

DECEMBER 9

11:15am **Pageant Kickoff**

11:30am **Noah's Table**

4:00pm **Lessons & Carols**

DECEMBER 10

2:00pm **The Lodge Service**

5:30pm **Yoga with Lynn**

7:00pm **RHCCNS Meeting**

7:00pm **Women's AA**

7:00pm **RHCC Bowling**

7:30pm **Bell Choir**

DECEMBER 11

8:30am **Breakfast Club**

DECEMBER 12

9:00am **Quilters**

12:00pm **Bible Study**

7:30pm **Adult Choir**

DECEMBER 13

5:30am **TOPS**

8:00pm **Men's AA**

DECEMBER 15

8:30am **Yoga with Lynn**

9:00am **Jingle Bell Rock**

2:00pm **Pageant Rehearsal**

5:00pm **Advent Healing Service**

SUNDAY

Chapin Hall

Youth Room

Choir Room

MONDAY

The Lodge

Chapin Hall

Fiorilli Room

Chapin Hall

Church Loft

TUESDAY

Bob's Coffee House

WEDNESDAY

Quilters Room 6

Fiorilli Room

Choir Room

THURSDAY

Chapin Hall

Chapin Hall

SATURDAY

Fiorilli Room/Parlor

Chapin Hall

Chapin Hall

Sanctuary



9	Kendres Lally Amy Murk Julie Fell
11	Gary Nicholson William Knight
12	Nathan Friday
13	Ralph Ahlberg Thelma Somes
14	Dave Hall
15	Linda Grillo Chloe Bellizzi

Altar Flowers for December 16th

There is an opening for anyone who would like to put flowers on the altar on December 16. Please check the Flower Calendar in Chapin Hall and contact Sarah DeGiovanni at 860 721-9299.

A Service of Remembrance and Healing

Saturday, December 15, 2012

Weil Chapel

5:00 PM

The holiday season is a season of remembering - remembering those we have loved and lost, remembering laughter and moments shared, even remembering the pain and grief. This season can also be a time to remember our struggles - loss of health or job, fractured relationships, unfulfilled dreams. The service is an opportunity to remember with gratitude and with hope, to pray for healing and comfort, and to listen for God's presence through song, silence, and the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please come and join us for some moments of peace amid the busyness and chaotic holiday season. If you have any questions, please talk with any of the deacons or ministers.



LESSONS & CAROLS Concert Today at 4pm

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
805 Old Main St. Rocky Hill, CT 06067
for more information: (860) 529-4167

Join us for a free family concert of Advent and Christmas carols interspersed with readings of the Christmas story. This Rocky Hill Congregational Church annual tradition will feature our senior and children's choirs as well as the handbell choir and members of our orchestra. All are welcome; childcare for children 4 years and under will be provided. Reception to follow.

Church World Service Blanket Program

"Christmas cards to benefit the Church World Service Blanket Program will be sold after church on the next two Sundays: December 9 and 16. Please support their work around the world as part of our Global Ministry."

**The Rocky Hill Food Bank is at a Critically Low Level
Please help feed our neighbors and our friends!**

The items most needed are:

6 oz. tuna, baked beans, canned soups
spaghetti sauce, rice, juice boxes
snack bars, toilet paper and paper towels.

Please bring items to service or drop them off at church during the week.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS FOR TOWN OF ROCKY HILL RESIDENTS

The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department will distribute fresh food baskets and/or gifts to disadvantaged households for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We are seeking Rocky Hill residents who may benefit from this distribution. Residents must demonstrate a financial or other legitimate need to qualify. All inquiries are confidential. Call 860-258-2799 or 258-2724 to register.



It doesn't seem possible that this year will be our 11th Cookie Walk! We would like to thank all of you who have baked for us, bought from us, and supported us through that hectic week for the past 11 years.

Cookie Walk is a major fund raiser for the choir. It has allowed us the opportunity to travel to Sweden and to South Carolina for performances as well as provide additional support for the Music Program at RHCC, UCC.

This year The Walk will be held Sunday December 16th from 11:15 until we are sold out. Snow date will be December 23rd. As in previous years, we will offer gluten free and diabetic treats as well as nuts/ no nuts. We will also be able to pre-package treats on request.

We ask for signups to make sure we have a wide variety of treats. We are also asking for help setting up on Saturday the 15th, and for the first time assistance with cookie decorating. If you don't feel you can bake but you have an artistic bent we have a place for you!

Please see either of us after church in Chapin Hall or call / text us at the numbers below.

Marsha Hoffman
860-563-1367

psuuconn@cox.net

Linda Tokarski
860-633-8413

ltokarski64@gmail.com



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 16 at 2:00pm

Join the Music Committee for an afternoon of singing your favorite Christmas carols. We will be visiting several nursing houses and our church family shut-ins and sharing our gifts. All ages welcome. We will meet at the church and car pool and come back to the church afterward for hot cocoa and cider.

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ
Open and Affirming Statement

Because we believe that all people are created in God's image and thus are blessed and loved equally by God, and because love is a unifying and strengthening force within our Christian Faith,

We, the members of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, hereby declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.

We welcome all who seek to follow Jesus, including persons of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith background, marital status and family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, economic and social status, and educational background, to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our church family.

Jesus teaches us to welcome all God's children into God's covenantal community. As we grow together in faith and love, we will strive to celebrate the diversity in which God has created us. *Approved by congregational vote June 2009*

Ministry Team

Ministers: All the members of the church

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Donna K. Manocchio donna@rhccucc.org

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Minister for Faith Formation: Meghan D. Young meghan@rhccucc.org

Minister of Music: Mary DeLibero mary@rhccucc.org

Pastor Emeritus: The Reverend Arthur C. Weil

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH
The Second Sunday of Advent
“Break Open to ‘Yes’”
December 9, 2012

Please use this Advent wreath prayer at home and for your own reflection and meditation.

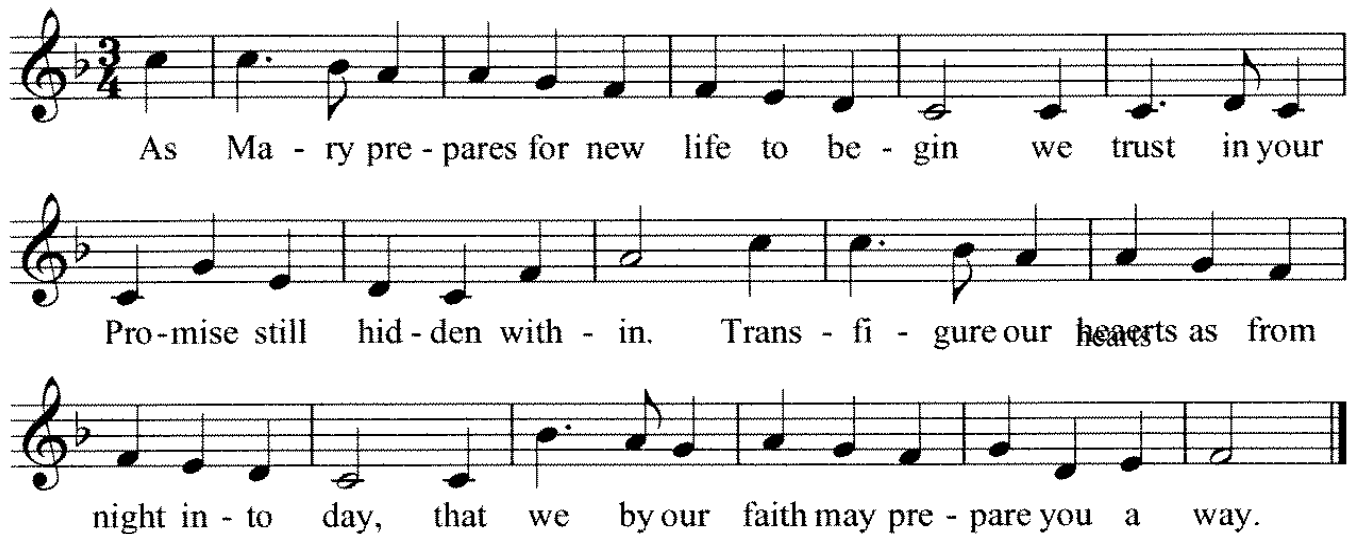
Reader 1: O God, we light the second candle of Advent.

Reader 2: We hear your angel Gabriel and witness the faith of Mary. Fill us with your grace and light.

People (sing):

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

"Away in a Manger"



As Ma - ry pre - pares for new life to be - gin we trust in your
Pro-mise still hid - den with - in. Trans - fi - gure our hearts as from
night in - to day, that we by our faith may pre - pare you a way.

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Reader 1: Mary was a young, strong, spiritual woman. Even though her life was not easy, she heard God’s voice and said yes. Her song was a prayer that would uplift those who were downtrodden. Her lyrics shattered the proud and called the world to change. She would bear within her the promised child, Jesus, the Light of the World. This Advent, we respond to God’s beckoning to us as well.

People : Revealing God, visit us and fill us with your Spirit. Bring your good news to life within us. Give us courage to carry your light into the injustices and shadows of this world. Amen.

O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN

Moderately

Danish Carol
J.P.A. SCHULZ

mp

E_b **E_o** **F_m** **B_b** **E_b**

1. O come lit - tle chil - dren, O come one and all, To
 2. He's born in a sta - ble for you and for me, Draw
 3. See Ma - ry and Jo - seph with love beam - ing eyes Are
 4. Kneel down and a - dore Him with shep - herds to - day, Lift

mp

E_b **E_o** **F_m** **B_b** **E_b** **B_bsus4** **B_b** **F_m** **B_b7**

Beth - le - hem haste, to the man - ger so small, God's Son for a gift has been
 near by the bright gleam - ing Star - light to see, In swad - dling clothes ly - ing so
 gaz - ing up - on the rude bed where he lies, The shep - herds are kneel - ing, with
 up lit - tle hands now and praise Him as they; Re - joice that a Sav - ior from

E_b **C_m** **E_b7** **A_b** **B_b7** **A_b** **B_b7** **E_b** **C_m** **F_m** **B_bsus4** **B_b7** **E_b**

sent you this night To be your re - deem - er, your joy and de - light.
 meek and so mild, And pur - er than an - gels the heav - en - ly child.
 hearts full of love, While an - gels sing loud hal - le - lu - jahs a - bove.
 sin you can boast, And join in the song of the heav - en - ly host.

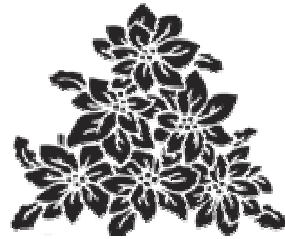


“Warm Heart Tree”

For the 38th year, the Warm Heart Tree has returned to the narthex and will be up through January 6th. We will once again be collecting donations of warm hats, gloves, packages of white athletic socks, and scarves to decorate the tree. Men’s hats should be black, brown, or gray without decoration. Please place your donations directly on the tree. Donations can be

hand-made, bought, or even a new re-gifted item (let someone benefit from 'Mom, what was Grandma thinking, I will NOT wear that!'). The donations will be distributed to some of Connecticut's neediest. Some of the children and teen donations will be removed from the tree and delivered BEFORE Christmas to the The Connecticut Association of Foster and Adoptive Parents located in Rocky Hill.

Remember to Honor your Loved Ones With Christmas Poinsettias



The Poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary for worship on
Sunday, December 23

The cost is \$12.00 per plant.

Ordering deadline is Monday, December 17th

Please fill out the information below and mail to Joan Diaz (*see address below*)

Given by: _____

Daytime Telephone number: _____

Dedication (“in loving memory of...”, “in honor of...” etc.):

1. _____

2. _____

Please select:

I will pick-up my plant after worship on Sunday, December 23.

Use my plant to decorate the church through Christmas.

The Deacons may give my plant to a shut-in or homebound member.

Make your checks payable to:

Joan Diaz with “Poinsettia” in memo line and mail to:

15 Thistle Down, Cromwell CT 06416.

You may call Joan with questions at 860 613-2889.

Break Open the Heavens!

Advent Season Worship & Events

- Sun, Dec. 2** 10:00 a.m. *1st Sunday of Advent* - Worship and Communion
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. **Advent Family Night**, Potluck Dinner,
Crafts, and Worship (RSVP)
- Mon, Dec. 3** 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. **Ecumenical Women's Advent Retreat** (RSVP)
- Sun, Dec. 9** 10:00 a.m. *2nd Sunday of Advent* - Worship and Toy Drive
4:00 p.m. **Lessons & Carols** - an evening of music from the choirs
- Sat, Dec. 15** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Jingle Bell Rock**
Carols, Crafts & Cookies /PreK-5th Grade (RSVP)
5:00 p.m. **Service of Remembrance and Healing**
- Sun, Dec. 16** 10:00 a.m. *3rd Sunday of Advent* - Worship Service
11:00 a.m. **Cookie Walk** following worship
2:00 p.m. **Christmas Caroling** in Rocky Hill
- Sun, Dec. 23** 10:00 a.m. *4th Sunday of Advent* - Worship
- Mon, Dec. 24** 5:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Intergenerational Service**
11:00 p.m. **Service of Candlelight and Communion**
- Tues, Dec. 25** 9:00 a.m. **Christmas Day Worship**
- Sun, Jan. 6** 10:00 a.m. **Epiphany Pageant** - bring baby items (diapers, food,
formula) for families in need
6:00 p.m. **Epiphany Service and Potluck** (RSVP)

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For more information: phone 860-529-4167 • email office@rhccucc.org
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