First Congregational Church
of Georgetown
Christmas Carol Sing & Storytelling Sunday
Sunday, December 26, 2021
Opening Music

Welcome & Announcements

*Gathering song  Go Tell It on the Mountain  160

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Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Stanzas John W. Work II  American spiritual

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Go, tell it on the mountain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where;
go, tell it on the moun-tain, that Je-sus Christ is born!

While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'ler
Down in a low-ly man-ger the

si- lent flocks by night, be-hold through-out the
lo! a-bove the earth, rang out the an-gel

hum-ble Christ was born, and God sent us sal-

heav-ens there shone a ho-ly light,___
cho- rus and hailed our Sav-ior's birth,___
va- tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn,___

Stanzas - 1907

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*Call to Worship

ONE: Praise the One who spoke and made everything!
ALL: Let the rivers ripple with joy; let the mountains stomp their feet.
ONE: Praise the One who adopts all of us as children!
ALL: Let old folks tell familiar stories; let little children swim with dolphins.
ONE: Praise God!
ALL: We will sing of God's glory; we will shout our joy to the heavens.
Community Prayer and Lord’s Prayer (unison)

God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, who taught us to pray:

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father/Mother/Creator 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Scripture  Colossians 3:12-17

Carol Sing - pick your favorite and let’s sing together

Telling stories, reading poems  The Congregation

More Carols - a few more favorite carols!

Offering

Invitation
Offertory
*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.
Prayer of Dedication:

You bless us with an abundance of gifts, God of this holy season, not as a reward for doing good, but as a means to reach out with healing to the broken, to clothe those who shiver in winter, and to bless others with the hope which has been ours. As we offer our gifts to you, we do so in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Closing Hymn Joy to the World 134

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding ness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing. joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy. love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Words 1719 Music 1741

Benediction

Our steeple is lit in December to celebrate the baptisms of Charlotte Rose & Sofia Rose by Richard and Nancy Aberman
Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love shall be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and to all folk,
Love for plea and gift and sign.
- By Christina G. Rossetti
Hymns of Truth & Light p. 159

Prayer requests
If anyone has a special prayer request or concern, please call the church office 978-352-8443, or email us at churchoffice@fccgeorgetownma.org.

Pastor Holly’s office hours: Tues, Wed and Thurs- 10:00-2:00 pm
And by appointment: 781-632-8964.
Pastor email: pastor@fccgeorgetownma.org

Vacation notice:
You are in good hands, even if the office is closed briefly for the week of December 27th. If you need assistance while we are closed, please contact Gladie Kneeland (508-523-5990) or Emily Knapp (978-835-9094).

Thank You, Gladie, Emily and the rest of the Diaconate for your dedication to this church and stepping up while Pastor Holly is away!