

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
The Second Congregational Church

December 24, 2018- 11:15 p.m.

Prelude

\*Call to Worship Rev. Maxwell Grant

\*Hymn 41 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\*Unison Prayer

*O God, our loving Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we might share in the songs of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the magi. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake, Amen*

(Robert Louis Stevenson)

The Announcement of the Coming Messiah - Isaiah 11:1-9

\*Hymn 36 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

The Angel Brings the News - Luke 1:26-28; 46-56

\*Hymn 38 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

The Birth of a Savior - Luke 2:1-7

\*Hymn 44 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

The Shepherds Hear the News - Luke 2:8-20

The Wisemen Come - Matthew 2:1-12

\*Hymn 53 *What Child is This*

A Christmas Reflection

The Communion Meal

\*Hymn 25 *Away in a Manger*

\*Lighting of the Candles

\*Hymn *(see back page)* *Silent Night*

\*The Benediction

*(\*Please Stand)*

**Deacon in Charge:** Chris Starr

*We would like to express our thanks to Kathy Chatteraj for creating our bulletin cover for this evening's service.*

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Our offering this evening will be dedicated to the church outreach programs.

Alexander Constantine - Organist

***Merry Christmas and Welcome to  
Second Congregational Church!***

We are a welcoming congregation gathered from all walks of life and different stages on the journey of faith. We would love to see you again for Sunday Worship, or to hear from you if you have any questions. Please sign the burgundy pew book or fill out one of the pew cards if you would like to be contacted.

For more information about our church please visit [2cc.org](http://2cc.org)

## Silent Night, Holy 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!