

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2018

6:30 P.M.

Prelude *A Medley of Christmas Carols*
Brass Quartet

Oh Children Come Keith and Krystyn Getty
Chancel Choir

Choral Introit *Fanfare For Christmas* arr. Brad Nix & Jon Paige

Call to Worship (Isaiah 60:1-5)

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

People: *See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.*

Leader: Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

People: *Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar
and your daughters are carried on the hip.*

All: Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.

*Processional Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* *Adeste Fideles*

Welcome

Unison Prayer

*O God, our loving Father,
help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the songs of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the Magi.
May Christmas Eve bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
and Christmas morning make us happy to be your children,
remembering the love that will not let us go. Amen.*

*Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn

Anthem *Rejoice and be Merry* John Rutter

Scripture	Luke 2:1-20	
Sermon	"The Gates Ajar"	Rev. Maxwell Grant
*Hymn	<i>Joy To The World</i>	<i>Antioch</i>
Christmas Offering		
Offertory Anthem	<i>For Us A Child Is Born</i>	<i>arr. Patrick Liebergen</i>
Doxology	<i>Angels We Have Heard On High (vs. 1)</i>	
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer ("debts")		
The Service of Candle Lighting		
	<i>(As the lights are dimmed, the pastor will light a candle from the Christ candle. Then the deacons' candles will be lighted. They will go down the aisles and light the candle of the first person at the end of the pew. Then that person will begin to pass the light across the pew. Remember that the lighted candle remains upright and the unlighted candle is tipped to be lighted.)</i>	
Anthem	<i>O Holy Night</i>	<i>Adolphe Adam</i>
*Hymn	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	<i>Stille Nacht</i>
*Benediction		
Choral Response	<i>What Child Is This</i>	<i>Greensleeves</i>
*Postlude	<i>Madrigal "Vezzosi augelli"</i>	<i>Luca Marenzio</i>

(*Please stand)

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

Our candles and flashlights are used for our reflective services; please return to appropriate boxes or leave in the pews after the service so others may use them at the next service. Thank you.

Deacon in Charge: Chris Starr

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The Tower Wreath is donated by Women's Fellowship.

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.

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