

First Congregational Church UCC
"First Sunday of Christmas"

Sunday, December 27, 2020 10:00 am
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"✝" Invites all to stand in body or in spirit

WELCOME
RINGING OF THE BELL

✝ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**)
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.
We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!
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Christ is born in Bethlehem. Let the bells ring!
Let us worship the Child. Let us worship our God.

✝ OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION adapted from MinistryMatters.com
We confess, O God, that we are not ready to come down from the Christmas "high." But somehow, right after Christmas Day, we feel a letdown. We don't want that "high" to be over. We want to keep on feeling that "peace on earth" feeling.

Yet, O Lord, we realize that the work of Jesus is our work. We know that the Spirit transforms our world only through us. We are the channel, the conduit of Christmas power.

Help us to reach out to others, to welcome, to invite, to bless—even when we are rejected. This is how the world changes into your Kingdom. And grant to us the light from above. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

SCRIPTURE LESSON **John 1:1-5**
MESSAGE "The Gift of Hope" Rev. Chuck Aurand

✝ HYMN **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** (printed)

SHARING AND CARING
☺ A TIME OF SHARING
☺ PRAYER (concluding with the Lord's Prayer using "debts" and "debtors")

SPECIAL MUSIC Dick Holdhusen

A TIME OF OFFERING
OFFERTORY

✝ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
(Tune: "Angels We Have Heard on High")
**Glo-----ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o,
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✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ BENEDICTION/BLESSING
✝ SUNG RESPONSE (tune: "Come, O Long Expected Jesus")
**Come, O long expected Jesus,
Born to set your people free,
Born to reign in us forever,
Born your gracious realm to bring.**

✝ POSTLUDE
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Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship this day.** "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."
- ✓ **2021 Offering Envelopes are available in the back of the church.**
- ✓ **Congregational Singing Resumes.** The Deacon Board approved the singing of one hymn per Sunday—masks are required to join in the singing.

Please pray:

- **For the work of Global Ministries in Nicaragua.** (For more about this ministry see www.globalministries.org/weekly_prayers)
 - **For all the accountants and bookkeepers.** Like Matthew, the disciple, bless those gifted with numbers and ledgers, and grant them special grace in this time.
 - **All those who are ill or homebound or in care facilities.**
 - **For others in our lives, especially:** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders, and the Rockerville Search.
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Worship

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59 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7.D. with Refrain Felix Mendelssohn, 1840
 Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

Charles Wesley, 1739

1. Hark, the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the Ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come To the earth from heav - en's home;
 Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

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