

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Joy To The World"

#107 vs 1

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.*

Please extinguish your candle following the benediction.

Ministers: All the Members of the Church

Pastor: Rev Carlos Jauhola-Straight

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Christmas Flowers

In Honor of our Grandchildren- by Ron & Debbie Schneider

In Memory of Leo & Alice Symonovit and Connie Hennessey -
by Dave & Alicia Hennessey

In Memory of Bill, Greg and Stefen McDevitt - by Joyce McDevitt

In Memory of Pete Bennett - by Polly Bennett

In Memory of Diane Legg and Jack Nugent - by Jessika Welch

In Memory of Bob Schweida - by Marilyn Schweida

In Memory family and friends- by Al & Susan Steward

In Memory of Loved Ones - by Sue & Gary Collins

In Memory of Loved Ones - by The Ambargis Family

In Memory of James Fowlie - by Paula Fowlie

In Memory of Manuel & Lilia Carreiro and Wilkerson Loved Ones -
by the Wilkerson Family

In Memory of Priscilla Currier - by Phil Currier

In Memory of George Lefort - by David & Maria Goddard

In Honor of Ana & Americo Afonso - by David & Maria Goddard

In Memory of Ronald and Doug Bedard - by Bobbie Bedard

*O come,
O come,
Emmanuel*



*This is the LORD; we have waited for him,
we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.*

ISAIAH 25:9 (KJV)

First Congregational Church of Pelham

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church - Sharing What God's Love Looks Like
CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL LESSONS AND CAROLS - 10pm

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

INTROIT

"He Comes In Love"

Michael Burkhardt
The Grosman Family

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The journey of life requires the light of
Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love shining out into the world.
On our way to Bethlehem, we search for the star that lights
the path.
The road can be difficult, and the search for home can be elusive.
We are a people who look for Good News for all people.
There are milestones—signs and markers—that can guide us to a
better day.
God's light goes before us, we are not alone.

SILENCE

BELL ANTHEM

"The First Noel" arr Cynthia Dobrinski

IN THE BEGINNING

Genesis 1:24-31 Joe Calabro

CAROL

"People, Look East" #83

A PROMISE

Isaiah 9:2a-7 Dave Hennessy

ANTHEM

"Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" Michael Burkhardt

PEACE SHALL COME

Isaiah 11:1-9 Janet Silk

CAROL

"O Holy Night" #113 vs 1-2

THE ANNUNCIATION

Luke 1:26-38 Paula Fowlie

BELL ANTHEM

"Little One" Jason Krug

THE HOLY BIRTH

Matthew 1:18-23 Heather Ivone Milliken

CAROL

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #130

IN THAT REGION

Luke 2:1-7 Jeannine Hight

ANTHEM

"Unexpected Grace"

Herb Fromach and David Lantz III

SHEPHERDS VISIT

Luke 2:15-20

Tom Seniow

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE CHRIST CHILD

OFFERTORY

+SUNG RESPONSE "Away in a Manger" #132

*Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with You there.*

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and
thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness
and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world,
and further your dream for the world through Jesus,
Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

THE INCARNATION

John 1:1-9

Sharon Hone

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Grosman Family

O God, now we light the candle of your nativity!
We rejoice, the light has come into the world.

This is the time of light and resplendent joy, we behold God's
glory—full of grace and truth.
**God, our Life and Light, thank you for coming to us. Thanks
for touching all heaven and earth with your splendor. In
every corner of the world, shine this night with your peace.
In every corner of our hearts, shine this night with your
grace. Amen**

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT

*The light is taken from the Christ Candle and passed to the ushers, who, in
turn, will light the candle of the person at the end of each pew. The lighted
candle should be held upright, and the candle to be lit held horizontally.
Parents are asked to assist their children with the candles.*

CAROL

"Silent Night"

#135

A CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION