

First Congregational Church of Pelham United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church - Sharing What God's Love Looks Like

December 21, 2025 Advent 4

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

An Advent Hymn Festival by Michael Burkhardt
Readings from the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

TOLLING THE HOUR

WELCOME

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Lost in the Night"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Peggy and Neal Murphy

The journey continues, and this candle will help light our way.

We are on our way to more love.

So many are in need of grace, in need of loving acceptance.

We are a people who can bring Good News.

Stories of generosity are markers and signs that goodness is the nature of God.

God's light goes before us, we are not alone.

OPENING HYMN

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

Please remain seated

READING

A Woman's Passionate Song

Paula Fowlie

HYMN

"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

Please rise in body or spirit

READING

Celebrating Advent

Joe Calabro

HYMN

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Please remain seated

READING

One Single Name

Dot Hill

HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Please rise in body or spirit

READING

The Turning Around of All Things

Ron Schneider

HYMN

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Please remain seated

READING

Everything Past and Everything Future

Diann Korta

HYMN

"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"

Please remain seated

READING

God Is a God of Bearing

David Wilkerson

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Rejoice! Rejoice! The Savior Comes"

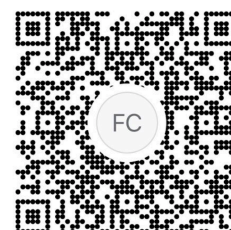
arr. Michael Burkhardt

Offering taken during the anthem

HYMN	"The King of Glory"	Please rise in body or spirit
READING	<i>Prince of Peace</i>	Alice Galuppo
HYMN	"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"	Please rise in body or spirit
READING	<i>Those Who Go to the Manger</i>	Carlos Jauhola-Straight
HYMN	"Joy to the World"	Please rise in body or spirit
POSTLUDE		

FLOWERS are given by Lucy Wilkerson in Memory of Joseph, Manuel & Lilia Carreiro

Please note that in the attached hymns "SATB" means everyone sings, singing harmony parts as you are able and "'Trebles" means "Women."



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Ministers: All Members of the Church

Pastor: Rev. Carlos Jauhola-Straight	Seminarian: Heather Ivone Milliken
Director of Music: Tom Seniow	Accompanist: Sue Howard
Bell Choir Director: Sharon Hone	Administrator: Stephanie Noel
Sexton: Lupe Nova	Deacons: Joe Calabro, Paula Fowlie, Alice Galuppo

2025 Christmas Choir Personnel

<u>Soprano</u>	<u>Alto</u>	<u>Tenor</u>	<u>Bass</u>
Polly Bennett	Susan Gregory	Shawn Duggan	David Goddard
Harmony Campbell	Betty Lumb	Bob Guessferd	Ken Henderson
Jackie Duggan	Heather Milliken	Doug Lumb	Doug Hjorth
Mimi Guessferd	Marsha O'Connell	Stan Mikutel	Tom Jarvis
Wendy Henderson	Judy Reid	Susan Steward	Bruce Reid
Maryanne Masterson			
Candy Picard			

Bell Choir

Kim Boland	Lois Freeston	Rachael Grosman
Sharon Hone	Danielle Neil	Pam Tepolt

Sue Howard, piano

Gary Tepolt, clarinet; Ed Biggs, clarinet; Suellen Davidson, bass clarinet;
Matthew Gellar, bass clarinet; Mike Ball, string bass.

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