



Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6, 2009



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For Reflection

WAIT.

*There will be time enough for running.
For rushing. For worrying. For pushing.
For now, stay. Wait.
Stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait.
Behold. Wonder. Wait.
Something is on the horizon.*

***~adapted from Night Visions
by Jan Richardson***

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*You are invited to light a candle at any time during worship that we might all share in the Light.
During Communion find members of our prayer team are available to pray with you.
Our prayer team will pray through the week the prayers that you offer via the prayer request form.
We hope you will let us know that you have been with us by completing the form in the bulletin.*



Living Hope

Welcome

The Walk to Christmas The Children of Hope Church

The Candle of Peace

Opening Song “O Come O Come Emmanuel”

Confession, Assurance and Celebration

Prayer & Silence

Sung Confession: “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Your name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, Your name is called Emmanuel.

Assurance of Forgiveness and God’s Presence

Passing of the Peace One: The peace of Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

Sung Celebration: “Soon and Very Soon”
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King (3 times)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.
No more crying there, we are going to see the King (3 times)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.
No more dying there, we are going to see the King (3 times)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.
(repeat first verse)

Call To Prayer

Hope Church Singers

Prayers of the People

In addition to our open prayer time, you are encouraged to use the prayer circles that are available during Holy Communion and the Prayer Request in this bulletin which will bring your prayers to the attention of the pastor and the prayer ministry team.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture



Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 3:1-6

One: The Word of Truth **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A COSTCO ENCOUNTER

Rev. Wendy

COMMUNION

Hymn

“Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn”

Offering

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

****“Greening Hope Church”**

Neeka Stanley

Sung Response (Amen), Procession of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Feast: *This is an open table; everyone is welcome. You are invited forward to receive the bread and dip it into the bowls of grape juice or the chalice of wine. Gluten Free “bread” is available. Should you need assistance; a server will bring you the communion elements.*

Communion Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of our Savior (sins; sins against us)

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever, amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Closing Hymn

“Rise Up Shepherd and Follow ”

Benediction

*Please consider completing the survey from the Social Justice Team prior to leaving church today.

CHILD CARE

Child Care and is available in the parlor,
(through right hand door at the front of the sanctuary).

LIVING HOPE

WORSHIP THIS WEEK & BEYOND:

Invite a friend to come along and join us for worship.

Today, Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

3pm, A Conversation about the Faith Education of our Children

3pm , Worship, Arts, Music Ministry Meeting

5:30 pm worship: The children of Hope will lay a path to Christmas and light the Candle of Peace. We will have a "Costco Encounter" in which John the Baptist preaches about change. Advent is a time to prepare, slow down, reprioritize. It is a time to be present to the moment, present to wonder, to seeing the beauty all around.

Next Sunday, Dec 13, Third Sunday of Advent, 5:30 Worship: The children of Hope will lay a path to Christmas and light the Candle of Joy. John the Baptist will join us again, and challenge us with his annual call to repentance. We will ask, as the hearers did so many years ago, "What Then Shall We Do"?

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

The Social Justice Support Team will be meeting on Sunday, Dec 13, from 3-5 pm. Please join us as we consider the issues of how to share our abundance, what activities and issues will be prioritized next year (possibly "Greening Hope Church"), the use of fast track grants, and how we can integrate justice into our daily lives as a church. Please RSVP to Neeka at NStan108@gmail.com, or feel free to contact her to talk about those issues separately if you can't join the meeting.



Christmas Basket Building—Dec 19, 10 am—noon, Capen Hall: We are accepting donations of non-perishable foods for the basket. Pasta, rice, sauce, crackers, cookies, soups, canned veggies, basic spices, flour, sugar, tea, coffee, stuffing, cereal, etc. Anything in a can, box, bag. Donations can be left in the container in the narthex.

City Mission Society Christmas Shop - This longstanding holiday tradition of the City Mission Society provides free, new gifts to as many as 2,000 Boston children and families. We will gather new, unwrapped gifts through Saturday a.m., Dec. 19th. On that day, volunteers are invited to help take the collected gifts to the First Congregational Church, UCC, in Winchester, where gifts will be sorted and which now serves as the distribution center. Gift Suggestions: Winter coats, sweaters and sweatshirts (esp. larger sizes), Hats, mittens, gloves and scarves, Socks and underwear, Blankets and backpacks, Toys, games and books for all ages, Gift cards from Target, Walgreens, CVS, Kohl's or others.

Jason & deMarco are coming to Massachusetts: Save the date of Sunday, December 13, 2009. Join Jason & deMarco in worship with the First Congregational Church, UCC of Natick, 2 East Central Street Natick, MA 01760 at 10:30AM. Be there when Jason & deMarco take the stage in concert at First Congregational Church, UCC of Natick at 2PM. These performances are free, but a love offering will be taken to support Jason & deMarco's ministry during both the service and the concert.

Day of Service: We will be joining with the City Mission Society in their annual Martin Luther King Day of Service and Learning. It's on Saturday, January 16, 2010 from 9am-4pm and we will be working in Boston. This is your chance for a hands-on project and an opportunity to work with people from other churches. Due to safety issues, participants 14 and older are welcome. You must RSVP to Neeka by December 18 if you want to participate.
Nstan108@gmail.com

Worship Participation: Please consider signing up for one of the Sunday worship roles in advance at the online Worship Participation site. Go to http://hopeboston.org/worship_spirituality/worship_participation and then click on the words "Worship Participation".

Fast Track Grant

Hope Church has been given another opportunity to provide a fast track grant. This week's comes from Chad Smith & Christi Beebe. Kelli is a social worker in Austin, TX. She is 40 and was diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer after a routine screening. She had a double mastectomy on 11/11/09.. Kelli has no support as a single person, has little money as a social worker, and Texas has no government safety net. Chad and Christi are both passionate about healthcare justice. Kelli's plight provides a wonderful opportunity for Hope Church to work for God's justice for a fellow citizen until such time as we as a country better support the health care needs of all Americans.

Christmas is coming...

...slow down...make space...for the holy...

...take time...get ready...for the miracle...

Tuesday Twilights

*Designed with the
commuter in mind.*

Dec 8—yoga & worship

**Dec 15—labyrinth walk
& meditation**

Each evening:

6:00 pm silent sanctuary

6:15 pm guided worship

6:45 pm fellowship & break

*7:00-7:30 dig discussion option
(deeper inquiry group)*



Tues, Dec 22, 7:00 pm

A Blue Christmas

Longest Night Service

Sacred space offering hope and healing for those living with darkness and loss.

Community Carol Sing

Sat, Dec 12, 4:00—6:00 pm

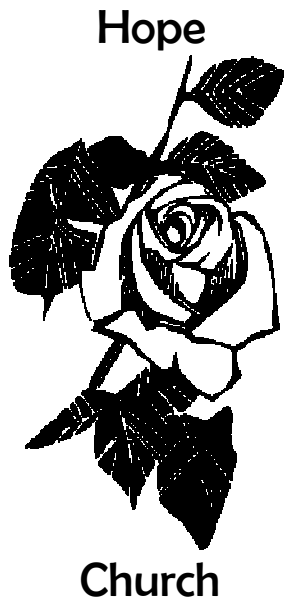
A Sweet the Sound Christmas

Concert for All

Sat, Dec 19, 4:00-5:30 pm

Christmas Eve, 6:00 pm

Hope Church's renowned
Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant
Joy for all ages!



HOPE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Ministers: All of us!

Interim Pastor:

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Kathie Mainzer, Stacey Schamber,
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HOPE CHURCH MINISTRIES

Hope Church is a vibrant and growing community with lots of ways to get involved. Please contact these leaders and let us know where you feel called to serve and we'll plug you in!

Casserole Care:	Kathy Bermingham
Children's Church:	Fred Hayes
Finance:	Frank Stevens
Hospitality:	All of us....
In Care Committee	Polly Hamlen
Nominating Committee:	Laura Everett
Prayer Ministry:	Beverly Pacheco
Search Committee:	Beth Chandler
Seminarian Support:	Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade Rev. Steven Vandergrift
Social Justice:	Neeka Stanley
Stewardship:	Ellen Snoeyenbos
Welcome Baby:	Barbara McQueen
Welcome Wagon:	Jean Vandergrift
Worship, Arts and Music:	Nanette Savides/Sarah Goplin

Welcome to Hope Church...

Welcome to all who have no church home, need strength, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe.

Welcome to new visitors and to old friends.

Welcome to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, and single people.

Welcome to people of all colors, cultures, abilities, and sexual orientations, to old and young, to believers and questioners – and welcome to questioning believers.

Welcome to everyone!

Tonight we are all invited to live into God's love, peace, and justice

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