

## WELCOME!

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** “Allemande” from Handel’s Keyboard Suite in F minor -Handel  
-Ken Watson, piano

### BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**Lighting Of The Advent Candles: First Sunday of Advent, “Hope”.**

-Frances and Ken Watson

Reader One: Today we begin the season of Advent, hopefully anticipating the arrival of Jesus.

Reader Two: Through long, dark nights and colder temperatures, we hope for many things.

Reader One: We hope for rest and healing,

Reader Two: we hope for a sense of purpose,

Reader One: we hope for social justice, spiritual renewal, and strengthened communities.

Reader Two: As we light the first Advent candle, may God also light a flame of hope within us, illuminating our way forward.

<light the candle>

**All: Holy One of Advent hope, as we light this first candle, stir our hopeful spirits, as we wait with loving faithfulness**

\*HYMN #9 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” -Veni Emmanuel

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Come, O God, Emmanuel, Desire of Nations—bind us all, we pray, into one heart and mind. Make that richly unified heart tender O God, and that cosmic mind so wise, that envy, strife, and discord cease. Fill the cosmos with the peace of heaven, this Advent season, and forever. In the spirit of Christ we pray; amen.**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### \*GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. (3X) As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** “We Wait for Thee”

-Jan Hyer, cello; Ken Watson, piano

**HEARING OF THE WORD** Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

-Reader, Joe Carter

**SERMON** “What is Repentance?”

- Rev. Mark Winters

\*HYMN #10 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

-Winchester New

### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)

**PRAYER RESPONSE** “Wait for the Lord”

-Berthier

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

-Leavitt

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy One, bless these gifts and the intentions of our hearts, to your holy purpose. Receive them as a token of our gratitude for the grace you continually give us all. In Christ we pray; amen**

\*HYMN #13 “Prepare the Way”

-Bereden Väg För Herran

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

-Leavitt

\* Congregation Standing (if able)

## Welcome to the Federated Church

We welcome you, and affirm your whole identity, including sexual, gender, racial, economic, educational, ability, and all other kinds of identity! We welcome your questions and differences of opinion or belief. If you need help finding a hymnal, restroom, or anything else you need, please ask an usher. Please also join us for coffee hour in the Parish House, across the courtyard, after worship. Our services are live-streamed. If you prefer to be off camera, we recommend sitting toward the back on the left-hand side.

Head Deacon: Donna Rhoades  
Ushers: Donna Rhoades and Herb Ward  
Flowers:  
Today's flowers are dedicated to those people to whom the holidays are difficult. During times of celebration it's important to remember those who cannot celebrate

Coffee Hour: Herb Ward  
A/V Team Member: Naomi Winters

Choir Practice: Tuesday at 4:30 PM  
AA Meeting: Saturday at 8:00 PM

In Office Hours: Monday, 1-3:30PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9AM-3PM  
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**“...Whoever you are,  
whomever you love,  
and wherever you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here!”**



**The Federated Church of Martha's Vineyard  
Edgartown, Massachusetts  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
A welcoming community serving God and neighbor**