

WELCOME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Advent Prelude” -Führer

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ADVENT 2, PEACE -Joseph Carter, Walter and Scottie Vail

Reader 1: Can you hear it?

Reader 2: What is it?

Reader 1: The Word of God is coming!

Reader 3: What? How?

Reader 1: A voice cries out and declares the Promise of Peace. The valleys shall be lifted up, and the mountains shall be made low.

Reader 2: You mean, things are going to even out in the world?

Reader 1: Yes. We will know God is near, when people embrace each other in peace.

Reader 3: Today we light the candle of Peace.

(Candles are lit)

All: Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for the Lord will speak peace to the people, to the faithful, to those who turn to the Holy One in their hearts. Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God, that holy glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. (Psalm 85:8-10)

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

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess O God, the times we have forgotten that we are made in your image—holy, creative, compassionate, and just. And we have forgotten to treat others as also made sacred. For the times we have judged, overlooked, or distanced ourselves from others, O God, forgive us. And give us the strength to forgive others as well. In Christ’s spirit we humbly pray; amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: With humility and gratitude, we give thanks

ALL: that we are enough, we are beloved, and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN** “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (insert) Verses 1&2

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Reflection on ‘Creator of the Stars of Night’” -Lasky

*DOXOLOGY

To God, all glorious heavenly Light, To Christ revealed in earthly night, Alleluia, Alleluia.

To God the Spirit now we raise. Our joyful songs of thankful praise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*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

ANTHEM “Christmas Hath a Darkness” -Clarke

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE “Creator of the Stars of Night” -Sarum Plainsong

HEARING OF THE WORD Isaiah 55:1-13 -Pastor Mark Winters

MISSIONS PRESENTATION - Gail Croteau, Missions Chair, Greg Orcutt, Habitat for Humanity, Lisa Belcastro, Harbor Homes

*CALL TO SERVICE

Leader: Holy Spirit, send the wind and flame of your transforming power and lift us up this day.

People: Give us wisdom, faith, and courage, that we may fulfill the hopes to which we are called: to provide without price, for those with need.

Leader: As rain falls from heaven, watering the whole earth and only returning after bringing forth life,

People: So shall we serve—going out in joy, then led back in peace, that all creation may rejoice in God’s grace.

Leader: In the name of Emmanuel—God with us—we pray,

People: Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free, and the cups are filled with non-alcoholic grape juice.)*

INVITATION

PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS *(Please take a piece of bread and a cup as they are passed, but please hold on to each so that we can all eat and drink together.)*

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior; amen

***HYMN #17** “Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us” -Wachet Auf

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***CLOSING WORDS AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way; With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day. Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon Thy name; amen.

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! If you need help finding a hymnal, restroom, or anything else you need, please ask an usher. Please also join us for coffee hour. Our services are live-streamed. If you prefer to be off camera, we recommend sitting toward the back on the left-hand side.

Prayer List: The Island’s immigrant community, Loved ones facing illnesses of body or mind. all facing the trauma of violence including Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Iran and those suffering the effects of illness, poverty, natural disaster or oppression. Shanta Gabriel who is under hospice care, Susan Sisco and Jeff Miller, longtime friends of Kris and Bill Vrooman, both are going through severe health issues, Aaron Walton, the adult son of good friends of the Vrooman’s who continues to battle severe health issues. *(If you would like any names added to or removed from the prayer list, please contact Rev. Mark, or contact the church office, officefederatedchurchmv@gmail.com.)*

Head Deacon:	Geoff Cahill
Ushers:	Geoff Cahill
Coffee Hour:	Fran Watson
A/V Team Member:	Liz Villard

Choir Practice:	Tuesdays at 4:30 PM
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AA Meeting:	Saturday at 8:00 PM
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Second Sunday Of Advent



The Federated Church of Martha’s Vineyard

Edgartown, Massachusetts

December 7th, 2025, Communion and Mission Sunday

A welcoming community serving God and neighbor