

*CAROL “ SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!” No. 186

*CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*CAROL “ JOY TO THE WORLD!” No. 179

*POSTLUDE

Creche Sunday with Brunch Worship

December 29 at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall: Guests are welcome!
We'll have activities for children & nursery care available.

Deacons for the Family Worship

Susan Mancinelli
Ray Mancinelli
Gail Gilchrest
Dick Lalley

Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Rev. Estelle Margarones

Pastor Dan Hollis

Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

Janet Cassidy, Church School Coordinator

First Parish Church Lay Leaders

Jan Jonas, Moderator

Thom Kearns, Vice Moderator

Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

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First Parish Church
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CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24th, 2019 AT 5:30 PM

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR DECEMBER 24, 2019
CHRISTMAS EVE
5:30 PM**

**Indicates a time when you are invited to stand if you choose.*

WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS

PRELUDE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Karen Lynge and Nathan Cox, soloists
Terrie Ilaria, accompanist

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Dan Hollis

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

The Moussette Family

HOSPITALITY MOMENT

Pastor Dan Hollis

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.” *(Please greet one another with a sign of God’s peace.)*

***CAROL “O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”**

No. 182

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Rev. Estelle Margarones

READING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:8-20

Nelson Walter

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Please come forward with any offering you wish to bring before God this night. You are encouraged to hang any mittens, scarves, or hats you may have brought to donate on the Christmas trees up front. These presents will be shared with children and families in need throughout York to warm the winter season. Any financial contributions placed in the offering plates or given to a Deacon will be used to further the work and outreach of First Parish Church as we serve God together.

CAROL “AWAY IN A MANGER”

No. 203

CAROL “ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”

No. 188

CAROL “IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR”

No. 191

CAROL “HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”

No. 185

CAROL “GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”

No. 218

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Rev. Estelle Margarones

A CHRISTMAS STORY FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Pastor Dan Hollis

CAROL “O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”

No. 180

AN INVITATION TO THE LIGHT

At this time you will be invited to light your glowsticks as we share the light of God’s love with the world. The lights of the church will then be dimmed until the closing carol begins.

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here. You can learn more about us via the brochure in your pew back or at FirstParishYork.net.

Hearing Assistance: Devices are available. Please ask a greeter to provide one.

Nursery Care: Nursery care provided downstairs for children 4 years old and under.

Pastoral Care: If you'd like to meet with a pastor, please call the office at 363-3758 Monday – Friday 9am-2pm. For emergency pastoral care after office hours and on weekends, you may reach one of the pastors by calling 207-358-9776. The pastors are available to make hospital visits and we invite you to let us know if you or a family member would like a visit. Due to hospital confidentiality regulations, the hospital will not inform us unless you ask them to do so.

Photos and Video: We regularly take photos and video for use in media. If you would prefer your/your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building. Handicap accessible restrooms are across the way in Fellowship Hall. For access during the worship service, please see a Deacon.

Sunday School: On a normal Sunday, all youth ages 4 through 7th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School. After the Children's Message, youth meet up with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers make their way to the Fellowship Hall classrooms. After worship, parents are asked to sign out and pick up children in their classrooms. Guests are welcome to attend Sunday School and we ask that parents/guardians fill out a registration form on the first visit; our Deacons will be happy to connect you with someone from Sunday School before the youth make their way over.

**Please join us for worship and Church School
for children each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

Mission

Following the way of Jesus, we aspire to *authentically invite, courageously include, and generously serve* all with compassion and grace.

Vision

Following the way of Jesus, we celebrate *inspirational worship*; create *life-changing experiences* for children, youth, families, and individuals; and practice *meaningful congregational care*.

While *respecting our diversity*, we *courageously advocate* for justice and mercy, and *intentionally respond* to the needs of our community and the world.

What We Believe in the United Church of Christ

“God is still speaking” is our way of saying as a church of the United Church of Christ that no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here:

Where God is all-loving and inclusive. Where the church of Jesus Christ welcomes and accepts everyone as they are. Where your mind is nourished as much as your soul.