

The Plymouth Church in Framingham

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24, 2021
5:00 PM In-person and on YouTube

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Christmas Poinsettias

The poinsettias on the Chancel are given by...

Roberta Kwiatkowski, in loving memory of my son, Mark, who passed away on July 6, 2020. I miss him every day, and in gratitude and appreciation of my family and friends for their love and support during this difficult time.

Nancy Spence and Family in loving memory of Bill Spence, and in honor of our great-grandson, Levi James Wells, son of Lisa and Justin Wells.

Bern Williams, in loving memory of my husband, Marshall Williams, and in celebration of the wedding of our grandson, Troy.

Leslie and Mark Dooley, in memory of Walter and Vivian Dooley and in honor of Paul and Margaret Randall.

Don and Kathy Copson, in celebration of marriage and new beginnings for our nieces and nephew, Katie and Steve Palmgren-Sobenko, Sarah and Brian Casaceli, and Mike and Alice Deedy

Beth Marascio, in memory of her grandparents Luther and Miriam Sieck

Nancy Lawson, in loving memory of Robert Lawson, and in memory of my friend Gail Johnson

Carole Blackman, in memory of Warren Blackman and of our parents

Joyce Miller and Robert Busch, in memory of Winona and Robert Miller, and of Maryellen and A.J. Busch, and in honor of our granddaughters, Vivian and Genevieve Busch

Christmas Eve

For unto us a child is born

Prelude "Go Tell It On The Mountain," Lasky

Welcome

A Voice Calls from the Wilderness "Return Again," Taize

The Advent Candle of Hope

First Lesson: Luke 1:39-56

Mary Responds to God's Plan & The Advent Candle of Love

O Come, All Ye Faithful Choir, 2020

Second Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

The Shepherds Return to the Field & The Advent Candle of Peace

Third Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9

The Magi Find Another Way & The Advent Candle of Joy

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "In The Bleak Mid Winter," Haran

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: Jesus Christ, you are the light of our world.

All: Your light burns forever!

Silent Night #138

Candlelight

Joy to the World #130

Benediction

Please depart in love, peace, and quiet.

Throughout our worship even in a space this large, it is critically important you keep your mask on – over your face and mouth – at all times throughout the service.

Towards the end of the service, we will each get to hold a lit candle. When we are done, do not take your mask off to blow out your candle. Instead, put your bulletin down and use your hand to extinguish the flame. This is new, so please be extra careful and cautious.

We will only sing two carols this evening, at the end of the service. While you may be tempted to sing along to the Choir's rendition of "O Come All Ye Faithful" please refrain. Both hymns can be found in the red hymnal in front of you, in addition to the text provided below.



Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.
‘Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face.
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room, *and heaven and nature sing.*

Joy to the earth, the savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains *repeat the sounding joy.*

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, *and wonders of his love.*

