

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24th, 2023 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

**All Sing: Gather in Love, people of God. Sing the Advent song!
Song of faith, song of trust, a song to welcome the Christ.**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Blessed Advent, Season of Preparation

Many: Season of Love

One: God's Love for us knows no bounds

Many: May our hearts be filled with Love

One: God so Loved us, that God lived among us

Many: God's Love took the form of a baby in a manger

All: Love Be with us, Let Us Worship Together

Silent Grounding Prayer

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. — Response: **And also with you.**

***Hymn**

O Come All Ye Faithful

CH #148

Scripture Reading

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 11: 1- 10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 19-23

Lighting the Advent Candle - God's Love

We light the fourth candle, the candle of God's Love

With this candle, we look with amazement at the Love of God embodied in Jesus
God whose love descended from the heavens to live amongst us.

In the words of the Prophet Isaiah,

"God has sworn not be angry with you and not to rebuke you. For the mountains
may depart and the hills may be removed, but God's steadfast love shall not

depart from you, and the covenant of peace shall not be removed, thus says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”

Choir Anthem – *He is Born* by Jill Gallina

Time with God’s Children

Message

Rev. Zeb Green

***Hymn**

Hail To The Lord’s Anointed

CH #140

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory

***Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**

Beloved God, We give thanks for these gifts today. We give thanks for all our blessings. We dedicate this offering to You and Your service. We promise to spread Your love and peace far and wide. Amen.

***Hymn**

When God Is A Child

CH# 132

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand.

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IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community:

*Please submit items for the Church Calendar or the Prayer List to Pastor Green or Lyn Glassock by Tuesday in order to be included in the bulletin. Thank You.

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