

# *Christmas Eve*

**Candle Lighting**      *from one light to many*

**Hymn\*** #138 Silent Night

**Postlude** Gigue from Sonata # 1      Antonio Vivaldi

## **Liturgists**

Lou Cannon, Bob Cannon, Rev. Derek

## **Our Guest Musicians**

Sunday Serenades: Gillian Hurst, Rhiannon Hurst, Quenton Hurst  
Stephanie Stathos, flute; Stephen Smith, cello

*All of us at The First Congregational Church of Rockport  
wish you all a Christmas filled with the blessings  
of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.*



# *Candle Light Service*

**Prelude Sonata # 1 in C for Flute and Continuo Antonio Vivaldi**  
Phil Swanson

**Introit** Coventry Carol... Medieval Carol...  
Soloists: Sunday Serenades

**Welcome** Rev. Derek van Gulden

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Sing to our God a new song; Sing to our God all the earth.

**People:** **Glory to God in the highest heaven, Peace on earth to all!**

**Leader:** The heavens are telling the glory of God, Let the earth rejoice, let trees of the forest sing for joy!

**People:** **Glory to God in the highest heaven, Peace on earth to all!**

**Hymn\*** #132 O Come, All ye Faithful

**Prayer of Invocation:**

Emmanuel, we enter your Holy Presence to be with you, to delight in your goodness, to celebrate and honor your name, to witness to the world that love, joy, peace, and hope have a home with you. May our worship reach your heart with praise and thanksgiving for the gifts that you continually give. May our songs and prayers reflect faith, trust, and commitment for your way is our path, your power is our strength, and your rest is our sanctuary. Kindle all the embers of energy within us that our collective light may ignite our lives, illuminate this world, and reflect your glory. Amen.

**Lighting the Christ Candle:**

This night the promise of God has come to us. Our lives are the manger in whom the Christ child is born. No longer do we seek light from

another source; now the light burns in our hearts and we become love's lamp. So, we light the candle at the center of our wreath and our faith. We light it in the name of the One who is the light, and, as Mary did so long ago, we name this light Jesus.

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Solo** Los peces en el rio Spanish Carol  
Soloist: Rhiannon Hurst

**Isaiah 11:1-3, 6-9**

**Hymn\*** #140 What Child is This

**Luke 2: 1-7**

**Choral Anthem** Hush My Dear Chancel Choir

**Luke 2:8-12**

**Choral Anthem** Away in a Manger Chancel Choir

**Luke 2:13-19**

**Hymn\*** #116 Angels We Have Heard on High

**Homily** Rev. Derek

**Solo** Pastorcita Santo (Holy Shepherd Boy) Joaquin Rodrigo  
Soloist: Gillian Hurst

**The Offering** *For Family Promise North Shore*

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**John 1:1-5, 14**