

*Those who hear music, feel their solitude Peopled at once.*  
– Robert Browning

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, UU

Weston, Massachusetts  
[www.firstparishweston.org](http://www.firstparishweston.org)

*Gathered in 1698*

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Third Sunday in Advent / All-Music Sunday / The 4<sup>th</sup> Night of Hanukkah  
December 13, 2020 AD

PRELUDE: “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” – Chorale Fantasia (BuxWV 223)  
by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN: “Angels We Have Heard on High” (verses 1-2)

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song.**

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LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE AND THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: Bill Sano with Geoff Wieting

VIRTUAL EXCHANGE OF PEACE

TIME FOR ALL AGES - *On Fostering Joy*, Jeff Barz-Snell

READING: Luke 1: 46 - 55 *The Song of Mary (The Magnificat)*

CHORAL MEDITATION: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” from Gregorian Chant,  
arranged by Robert Shaw and Alice Parker  
*First Parish Virtual Choir*

REFLECTION: “Tidings of Good News” – Jeff Barz-Snell

PASTORAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD’S PRAYER:

**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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERING

VIRTUAL CHORAL PERFORMANCE: *Gloria (RV 589)* by Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

- I. Gloria in Excelsis Deo". (Choir)
- II. Et in Terra Pax (Choir)
- III. Laudamus Te (Duet: Rose Hegele & Mary Shaw)
- IV. Domine Deus (Rose Hegele, soprano solo)
- V. Domine Fili Unigenite (Choir)
- VI. Qui Sedes ad Dexteram (Gabrielle Barkidjija, alto solo)
- VII. Cum Sancto Spiritu (Chorus)

First Parish Virtual Choir  
William C. Sano, director  
Geoffrey Wieting, organist

INVITATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Come Now, Savior of the Nations" – Chorale Prelude (BWV 661)  
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

STAFF:

Minister:	Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
Asst. Minister for Families & Community Outreach:	Rev. Sarah Napoline
Organist:	Geoffrey Wieting
Choir Director:	William C. Sano
Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministries:	Robert Jones
Parish Administrator:	Betsy Gibson
Sexton:	Alan Flynn
AV Interns:	Jacob Barz-Snell
	Jonah Barz-Snell
	Max Hall

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – Monday at Noon on Zoom

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION – 8:30 am on Zoom

COMMUNITY FORUM WITH WESTON POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL GOULDING – Hosted by First Parish, Chief Goulding will present an overview of what the Weston Police Department is doing to respond to recent national and local events. Jeff Barz-Snell will moderate. This forum is open to the community and it will include time for him to answer people's questions (must be submitted in advance). Submit questions to [socialjustice@firstparishweston.org](mailto:socialjustice@firstparishweston.org) by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

MEMORIAL PLANTS AND WREATHS – If you would like to remember a loved one at Christmas time with a dedication printed in the Order of Service for the Sunday, Dec. 20, and Christmas Eve services, please send your donation and dedication to Lynn Taff, 370 Glen Rd., Weston, MA 02493. Questions? Email Lynn ([LRT.1@comcaston.net](mailto:LRT.1@comcaston.net)). Checks should be made out to First Parish Church in Weston (memo: Flower Fund).

FPCW BOOK GROUP – Will gather on Zoom on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 9:30 am for a discussion of Dick Masland's book *We Know It When We See It*.

CHAT & CHECK-IN WITH THE PASTOR will be on hiatus until Thursday, Jan. 7, at 4:00 pm. He invites you to listen to Episode 7 ("Chenjerai's Challenge") of the podcast *Seeing White* if you're interested in discussing.

DECEMBER BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER – For the first time many, many years, First Parish will *not* provide dinner for Bristol Lodge on Christmas Day. This year another group stepped up early (likely in the spirit of tackling all the hunger in the pandemic) to volunteer to do Christmas so we will do our usual 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.

Many people who made our sit-down Christmas dinners a part of their regular Christmas Day activities may be sorry to hear this. However, we will be providing a festive dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The menu will be rotisserie chicken (Mary will procure the chicken from Costco), barley pilaf, roasted broccoli and cauliflower with parmesan cheese, cranberry sauce and gingerbread for dessert (your own recipe or the one provided). If you would like to provide food or help with preparations in the First Parish kitchen on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, please contact Mary Menino ([mary.menino@gmail.com](mailto:mary.menino@gmail.com) or text 781-718-9464). There are aluminum pans and hard copies of the recipes in the church vestibule on Church Street (which is never locked). The e-Post has links to the recipes as well or call the Church Office.

### WAYS TO BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO OTHERS IN NEED:

1. WESTON CARES FUND – Provides emergency funds to local non-profits and residents of Weston and abutting towns confronting Food and housing challenges caused by COVID 19's devastating impact on the local economy. Use the FPCW Paypal account or make checks payable to First Parish Church with "Weston Cares Fund" in the memo.
2. VIRTUAL MITTEN TREE FOR CLIENTS OF THE SECOND STEP – To keep staff and clients as healthy as possible, The Second Step requests gift cards to help fulfill Christmas wishes. The e-Post has directions on how to donate cards online or you may purchase a card and mail it to: The Second Step, PO Box 600213, Newton, MA 02460. The online process can be a bit cumbersome; please call Betsy Gibson in the Church Office if you have questions.

And a quick thank you to all who brought coats to the church for WATCH's coat drive!