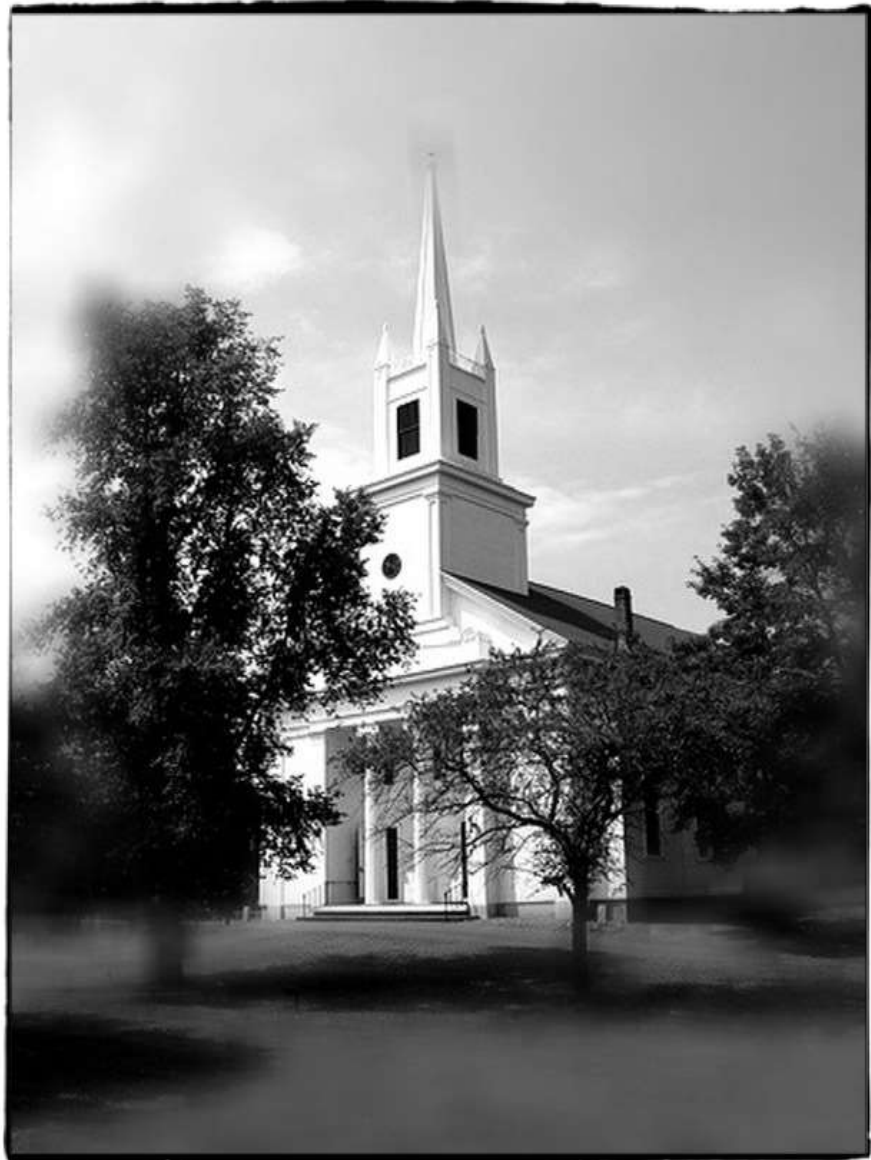


# The Congregational Church *of* Topsfield

*An Open and Affirming Congregation  
of  
the United Church of Christ*



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**NOVEMBER 27, 2022**  
**9:30 am**

*Mask wearing in the Meetinghouse during worship is voluntary, participants in worship may choose to mask at any time.*

PRELUDE	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	Rowland Pritchard
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Martin Riekert
PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST		
SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION		
THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		The Renda Family
OPENING HYMN Hymn #196 (MH)	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Verses 1 and 2, View page 4	HYFRYDOL
GATHERING PRAYER (RESPONSIVELY):		Lay Reader, Sallie Bowling
Leader:	In this moment, we gather our random thoughts, our scattered lives and bring the entirety of ourselves to this place of calm. <i>Silence.</i>	
Leader:	We seek sanctuary so that we can risk everything. Loving God, we ask for stillness	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Grant us peace in heart, mind and body.</b>	
Leader:	We ask for your presence	
<b>People:</b>	<b>We welcome you to this gathering</b>	
Leader:	We ask for inspiration	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Open our eyes, that we may see.</b>	
Leader:	God who is present in our suffering as well as our celebrations, who embraces the anxious, the poor and the broken, who raises up the humble and judges the proud	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Forgive our selfishness, warm our hearts, stir our generosity, provoke our anger.</b> <i>(Source: Malcolm Doney, All Hallows on the Wall)</i>	
SHARING OUR GIFTS		
THE OFFERTORY	“Vom Himmel Hoch, da Komm Ich Her”	Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

†THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him\* all creatures here below; praise Him\* above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost\*\* Amen**

\*You may substitute God/Her \*\*You may substitute Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4: 12-17  
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Lay Reader, Sallie Bowling

SERMON TITLE

“A Populist Performative Profession”

Rev. Martin Riekert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)

**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.**

\*You may substitute Creator/Mother/Maker, etc. as you choose in saying the prayer.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #234 (MH)

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
Verses 1, 3 and 4, View page 5

ADESTE FIDELES

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“My Long Journey Home”

Bill Monroe/Charlie Monroe

**Scripture:**

Lay Reader, Sallie Bowling

**Matthew 4: 12-17 (NRSVUE)**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”<sup>[b]</sup>

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy  
 2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,  
 yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -  
 now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of  
 spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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## O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 1. *A - des - te, fi - de - les, lae - ti tri - um - phan - tes; ve -*  
 2. True God of true God, Light from Light E - ter - nal,  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; O  
 \* 4. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,

come ye, O come ye, to Beth - le - hem.  
*ni - te, ve - ni - te in Beth - le - hem.*  
 lo, he shuns not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!  
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
*Na - tum vi - de - te Re - gem an - ge - lor - um.*  
 Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed;  
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,  
*Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,*

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.  
*ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, Do - mi - num.*

# Congregational Church of Topsfield

## Parish Care Ministry

### **Prayer List Contact:**

Kim Itz at [prayerlisting@topsfieldchurch.org](mailto:prayerlisting@topsfieldchurch.org) or 978 887-6567.

### **Healing Scripture:**

"And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick ....." Matthew 14:14

### **Healing Prayer:**

Dear Lord, I ask you to turn this weakness into strength, suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy, and pain into comfort for others. May your servant trust in your goodness and hope in your faithfulness, even in the middle of this suffering. Let him be filled with patience and joy in your presence as he waits for your healing touch.

### **Please Pray For:**

Maria Cecilia Guerra - Sister of José Guerra

Eva - Friend of Irina Günzel-Guerra from Norway

Stoney Stonestreet - Member of CCOT

Doug McIlvaine - Member of CCOT

Edward & Memory Matavhunye & their community - President of the UCC in Zimbabwe

Doug Gruber - Brother of Susan Gruber

Paul Rogers - Father of Tony Rogers

Helen Talberth - Member of CCOT

Jane Moyer - Member of CCOT

Ralph & Diana Titus - Members of CCOT

Sean Enos - Son of neighbor of Jane & Bruce Jones

Rich and Cheryl Hopkins - Members of CCOT

Chuck Schwab - Friend of Charles Mathison

John Stein - Brother in Law of Susan Warner

David Pike - Brother of Susan Warner

Brett Hoover - Grandson of Fred & Carole Hoover

Steve Wilson and Family - Friends and former neighbors of Kim & Charlie Itz

Richard Duncan - Neighbor of Jane & Bruce Jones

Mark Gosbee - Son of Judi & Gary Gosbee

Roberto Chong - Uncle of Kim Love

John & Laurie Rowen - Friends of Cathy

Imboden, Mary Jelinek & Sue Panella

Sally Garnett - Sister of Cathy Imboden

Fred Hoover - Member of CCOT

Kay Hagar - Member of CCOT

Ken Flewelling - Member of CCOT

Paul Worth - Husband of Claudia Worth

Earl Pickel - Friend of Ruth Bortzfield

The Amico Family - Friends of Kim Itz

The Muise Family - Family of Kim Itz

Andi DiGiandomenico - Mother of friend of Kim Itz

Our prayers of love and sympathy are with Ryan Kane and family as they mourn the passing of Ryan's father Matthew (Matt) Kane.

# The Congregational Church of Topsfield

## November Birthdays



Happy Birthday to:

Marilyn Knowles:	11/06
Philip Hagar Jr.:	11/07
Kate Spaulding:	11/07
John Daniels:	11/09
Elsa Rogers:	11/10
Kate Imboden	11/11
Samuel Warner:	11/12
Eric Nelson:	11/12
Gary Gosbee:	11/16
Sylvia Renda:	11/16
Diana Titus:	11/17
Jake Spaulding:	11/19
Madelyn Warner:	11/19
Aidan Davie:	11/20
Duane Melling:	11/20
Catharine Nenart:	11/20
Mary Brown:	11/21
Charlie Townes:	11/21
Sarah Lindholm:	11/21
Ruth Bortzfield:	11/22
Rasheed Townes:	11/24
John Szymanski:	11/27
Kenneth Prouty:	11/28
Dolly McIlvaine:	11/30



*There will be no Coffee Hour today.  
Coffee Hour will resume in December.  
Thank you!*

**SERVING THIS MORNING**

Polly Croteau, Carolyn Detato  
Sallie Bowling  
Larry Atkins  
Leslie Voss  
The Renda Family

*Altar Guild  
Lay Reader  
Head Usher  
Usher  
Advent Wreath Lighters*

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