

# GROVELAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, U.C.C.

Sunday, January 1, 2012

First Sunday After Christmas

Welcome to the Groveland Congregational Church. Large print copies of the bulletin and hymns for today are available from the ushers. If you are visiting us, please let the Deacon at the back of the sanctuary know if you would like to speak with the Pastor or a member of the Deacons.

Announcements *[Please give your written announcement to the Deacon before the service begins.]*

Welcome

Prelude *Polish Carol First Noel/Dona Nobis Pacem*

Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in God, who is our life and salvation.  
Christ has come to make us heirs of God's promises.

**People: God commanded, and we were created.  
We are children of the Most High.**

Leader: Praise God from the heights of heaven.  
Praise God, all people of the earth.

**People: God opens our eyes to see the light.  
We will be called by a new name.**

Leader: Men and women, youth and aged,  
Sing of God's glory; shout your praise.

**People: God has made us heirs of promise.  
We will praise God's holy name.**

+ Hymn *The First Noel* #19 green book

+Prayer of Invocation

**Faithful God, by whose Spirit all people and places become holy, lead us by that Spirit today. We have come to celebrate a birth that offers us rebirth. We have gathered that you might claim us as heirs, with Christ, of eternal life. Unite our hearts and minds in a chorus of praise, that the life of this church might be quickened, renewed, and refocused. May your faithful people become a crown of beauty in your hands. Amen.**

+Gloria Patri *[Words to the "Gloria" are found inside back cover of the Hymnal]*

Anthem *Carol of Remembrance from "The Winter Rose"* Joseph M. Martin

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

*[Please use slips provided in the pew to legibly **print** your joys/concerns to be included in the Pastoral prayer.]*

Pastor: God be with you

**People: And also with you**

Pastor: Let us pray

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *[Our Father who art in heaven...debts and debtors... Amen.]*

Prayer Response #23 verse 4

+Hymn *In the Bleak Mid Winter* #34 green book

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *A Carol for the New Year* A. Fedak

+Doxology *[Words are found inside back cover of the Hymnal]*

+Prayer of Consecration

Scripture Luke 2:22-40  
Ron Mertens, Lay Reader

Sermon  *Holding on to a Promise*

Communion Hymn *This is a Day of New Beginnings* (use alternate 4<sup>th</sup> stanza) #417

Call to Confession (Pastor)

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor)

Sacrament of Communion

Distribution of the Bread *Who Would Think That What Was Needed* #29

Distribution of the Cup

*[As part of our effort to enable all believers to participate in the Lord's Supper, we are including gluten-free crackers in a separate container on the communion plate for those that need them.]*

+ Hymn *Go Tell It On the Mountain* #36 green book

+ Benediction  
Response

*Christmas Benediction*

Postlude *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* arranged by W. Held  
*[Please feel free to leave during the postlude.]*

+ indicates to stand if you are able

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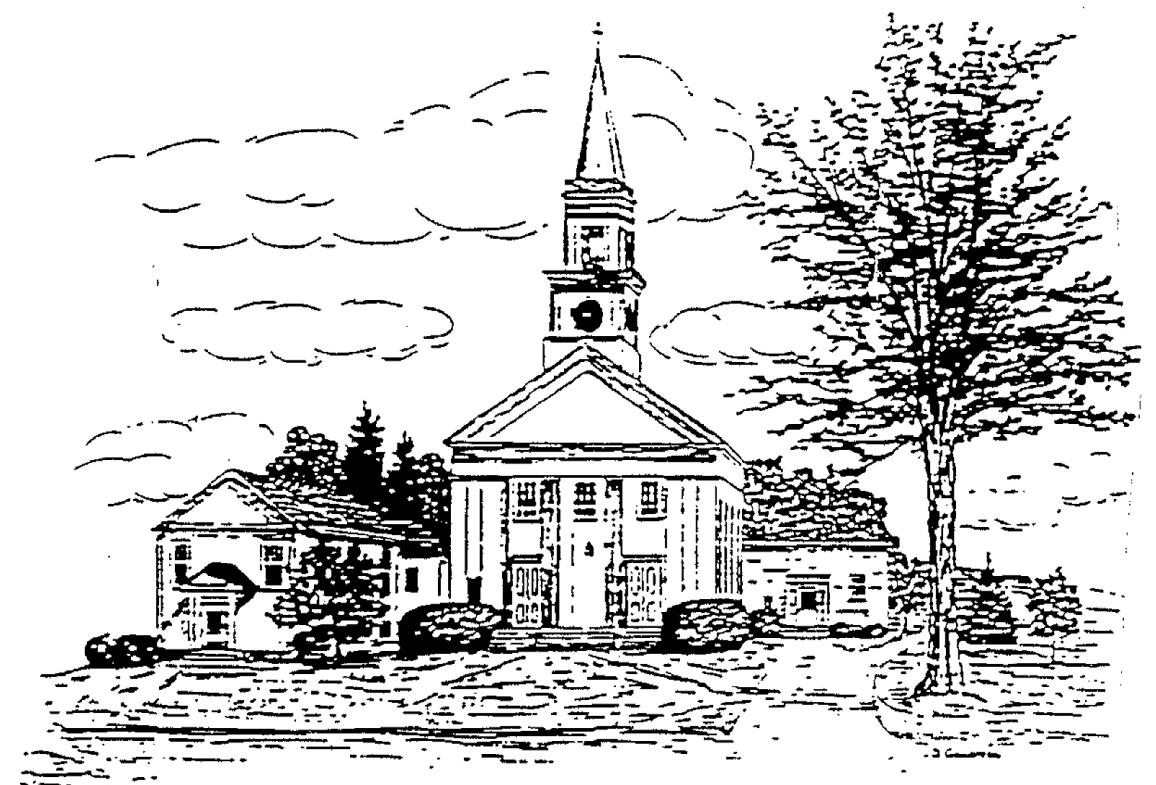


*The altar flowers are given in celebration of the blessings of the New Year  
by Linda and Bob Paulet*



Deacon Team: Caroline Cranos and Ann Moriarty  
Ushers: Linda and David Prescott  
Carol Mansell and Bob/Jan Nelson

This Week				Next Week			
Sun	1/1	10:00	Worship and Communion	Sun	1/8	8:15 9:20 10:00 11:00	Chime Choir Sunshine Choir Worship Stewardship Meeting  Youth Group Rock Climbing event in Newburyport
Mon	1/2		Church offices closed	Mon	1/9	7:00	PPP Committee
Tue	1/3	7:00	Cub Scout leaders	Tue	1/10	6:30 7:00	Cub Scouts (MH) Missions (FH)
Wed	1/4	8:00 6:30 7:30	Thrift Shop Jr. Choir Sr. Choir	Wed	1/11	8:00 6:30 7:30	Thrift Shop Jr. Choir Sr. Choir
Thu	1/5	7:00	Boy Scouts	Thu	1/12	7:00	Boy Scouts Trustees Meeting
Fri				Fri	1/13		
Sat	1/7	8:00	Thrift Shop	Sat	1/14	8:00	Thrift Shop



*Walking with God*

*Growing in Faith*

*Compassion for All*

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