



GROVELAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, U.C.C.

December 24, 2011

5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

“Look, a young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel” - Isaiah 7:14

PRELUDE Angels and Shepherds arranged by Lynne Hollander

INTROIT I Have a Secret Norma S. Anderson
Sunshine Choir

*CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful #14 Green Book

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen! Do you hear the sounds of joy?

Have you heard the messenger’s good news?

People: The Word was with God from the beginning.
In Jesus, the Word has come to dwell among us.

Leader: Break forth into singing, people of God!
Your comfort and your salvation are at hand.

People: In Christ, we are empowered as God’s children.
We are gifted with grace and truth.

Leader: Sing a new song and marvel at God’s ways.
Make a joyful noise through all the earth.

People: We celebrate the true light that enlightens us.
We rejoice in the fit of new life.

INVOCATION

O God, we give thanks this evening for the colors and tones of the Advent season, for the tapestry of joyful feelings they combine to create. Accept our gratitude, we pray,

✦ For the red of holly berries and of faces fire-warmed after hours of sledding,

✦ For the green of front door wreaths and of living room trees,

✦ For the darkness of a holy night and a stable birthing place,

✦ For the brightness of a guiding star and a divine promise fulfilled.

✦ For the golden ring of angel voices and the golden hope for peace on Earth.

Grant us appreciation in this time of preparation; fill us with joy as we anticipate the coming of the Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-55

*CAROL O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #1 green book

ANTHEM Sing Noel Natalie Sleeth
Junior Choir

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
The Story of Christmas

PIANO SOLO Christmas Carol
Distant Bells
Olivia Quenneville, piano

*CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #20 green book

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-20

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER
Pastoral Prayer
Silent Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer [Our Father...debts and debtors... Amen.]
Prayer Response

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:18-25

MESSAGE

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD’S LOVE
Offertory Jesus Christ is Born Today! Gilbert Martin

*CAROL Silent Night, Holy Night #15 Green Book

BENEDICTION
Benediction response

POSTLUDE Joy to the World Gordon Young

*Those who are able, please stand.



*The altar arrangement is given in memory of loved ones, by Janet Wood
The piano arrangement is given in memory of Evelyn Wales*

*Thank you for joining us this evening.
We wish you all a very Blessed Christmas!*

We invite you to join us for worship Christmas morning at 10 AM

*Join us for worship Sundays at 10 am.
Church school is available for children preschool through 8th grade. We also provide
nursery care for infants and toddlers.
All are welcome!*

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