

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
December 12, 2021**

Those who are able may stand where marked (*).

Prelude

Ministry of the Acolyte

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Opening Hymn #244 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Lighting the third Advent Candle **Joy!** *Mary and Doug Menzies*

One: Last week, we lit two purple candles, solemn and serene.

**All: One of them is for Christ our Hope,
the other for the Prince of Peace.**

One: First there was one candle, now there are two:

**All: the light is growing in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

One: *(light candle)*

Today, with hearts that are filled with rejoicing,
we light a pink candle, cheerful and bright.

**All: Today we celebrate the Joy that floods our lives
when we open our hearts and let the Christ Child in.**

One: With wide-open hearts we welcome you,
O tiny little Child, amazing gift of God!

**All: Yes! By the light of this bright pink candle,
we welcome the Christ Child into our lives!
O come O come Emmanuel!
Come fill our hearts, fill our lives, fill our world
with the brightness and warmth of your Joy!**

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts

*Advent Doxology

All praise, eternal Christ, to thee,
whose Advent sets thy people free;
Once more upon thy people shine
and fill the world with love divine. Amen.

* Offering Dedicatory Prayer

Scripture: Isaiah 12:2-6 *Mary Menzies*

Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18 *Victoria Cole*

*Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" *Insert*

Sermon "Attending to Advent" *Victoria Cole*

*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *Insert*

*Benediction

*Response #764 "The Trees of the Field" *Twice*

Postlude

We welcome Victoria Cole to the pulpit this week.

*Lectionary readings for Sunday, December 19, 2021:
Micah 5:2-5a – Psalm 80:1-7 - Hebrews 10:5-10 - Luke 1:39-45*

Please note: Our guest leader, Pat Whipple, may or may not use these texts.

WHITE MOUNTAINS
Camerata

Victoria Cole, Music Director and Anita Bonnevie, piano

A Choral Christmas!

with Lucas Weiss, Baritone; Rob Lanchester, Reader




Traditional choral Carols and Music for Christmas returns to Littleton! We all need live music. A family-friendly concert of traditional carols and anthems of the season, everything from "Fum-fum-fum" to "O Holy Night." A set of Madrigals for Christmas with readings and music of the Renaissance. **Fun Audience Sing-along, too!**

Sunday, December 19, 2021 ~ 3 pm

Littleton Congregational Church, Littleton, NH ~ whitemountainscamerata.org ~ 603-728-7022

To stay safe in these times: All singers wear masks.
Audience must wear masks and Proof of Vaccination Required at the Door.

Suggested donation at the door: \$10 adults, under 18 free. 



Thank you for joining us for worship today!

It is our sincere hope that all who gather in this place will know and experience the love, forgiveness, hope, and new life available through Jesus Christ.

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Our Mission Statement:

As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.

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