

Joint Worship Service
First Congregational Church, Franconia Community Church,
United Methodist Church
December 29, 2024

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

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, & Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

*Hymn #249 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Lighting of the Christ Candle *Mary Menzies*

Call to Worship *Robert Owen Williams*

Leader: A child Is born In Bethlehem.
People: Born to unwed parents in a humble stable.
Leader: Yet angels announce the birth of a King.
People: Shepherds gather their flocks.
Leader: Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
People: Let us rejoice and sing!

*Hymn #250 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*Hymn #262 “Away in a Manger”

*Hymn #281 “What Child is This?”

*Hymn #253 “Silent Night! Holy Night!”

Unison Reading *Psalm 148 (verses 1-6)* *Robert Owen Williams*

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away. them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
Praise the Lord!

*Hymn #259 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

*Hymn #265 “The First Noel”

*Moments of Concern and Celebration *Mary Menzies*

Pastoral Prayer and Savior’s Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings *Mary Menzies*

Offertory Music

*Doxology (#815)

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #251 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

*Hymn #272 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Scripture Luke 2:11-20 and Colossians 3:16-17 *Debbie Alberini*

*Hymn #277 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

*Hymn #278 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Hymn #270 “Joy to the World!”

*Benediction *Debbie Alberini*

*Postlude

We offer our thanks today to our lay worship leaders: Debbie Alberini (United Methodist Church), Mary Menzies (First Congregational Church), and Robert Owen Williams (Franconia Community Church).

May the Christmas Season and the coming New Year be a time of joy and peace for you and your loved ones!!



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