

West Newbury Congregational Church

December 11, 2011

Rev. Cynthia Batten, Minister

Parsonage: 429-2869

Judy Vaughan, Organist

Order of Worship

Prelude Variations on “*O Sanctissima*”
arr. G. Alphenaar

Greetings and Announcements

Introit “*Wake, Awake for Night is Flying*” *J. S. Bach*

Call to Worship

Joy will be felt around the world,

when the oppressed receive the Good News.

Joy will break out around the world,

when the broken-hearted are given support.

Joy will be celebrated around the world,

when those held captive know freedom.

Joy will be experienced around the world

when the everlasting joy of God finds expression and purpose in worship.

***Hymn (insert)** “*Hail to the Lord’s Anointed*”

Advent Candlelighting Fuller and Penatzer Family

Unison Prayer

Surprising God, your word set wonder in motion. Like Mary, we are filled with amazement that You have found favor with us and that You choose to be present to the world through us. We join Mary in giving birth to hope, to love, to peace for all creation, in all corners of the world. We praise You for the gift of your Son, whom we follow.

Surprising God, bless us again and open us to the wonder of your love flowing in us and through us. We pray together as Jesus taught us, . . .

The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

***Gloria Patri #513 (red)**

Old Testament Reading (red) pg. 543, #121
Isaiah 61: 1-4

Youth

Anthem “*Lo, How A Rose E’re Blooming*” M. Praetorius

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us now humble ourselves before God and each other.

God, we stand in holy awe at the prospect of your light and love unveiled before our eyes, revealed within the dimension of this life in Jesus whose coming we prepare to celebrate. Help us to empty ourselves of pride and pretence, of doubt and fear, that we may be ready for the Christ. May we be open, waiting, and willing to be touched by the warmth and radiance of your presence in ways we can neither predict nor understand, but simply receive by faith. Come to our hearts Lord Jesus. We wait for You.

Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

Call to Offering

Offertory “*Bethlehem Star*” David N. Johnson

***Doxology # 515 (red)**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Hymn (insert) *“I Wonder as I Wonder”

Gospel Reading Luke 1: 26-55

Sermon *“Without Trumpets or Drumroll”*

Hymn (red) # 110 or (blue) # 245
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

***Benediction**

Christ is coming, rejoice!

From generation to generation we are blessed.

Christ is coming, rejoice!

**The lowly will receive confidence, the powerful will
be put in their place.**

Christ is coming, rejoice!

There is hope for the poor and the hungry.

Christ is coming, rejoice!

**God, faithful in times past, will remain faithful to us
and to our church. Amen.**

Postlude *“All Praise To Thee Eternal God”*
Samuel Scheidt

*Those who are able may stand

Diaconate *“on call”* for December

Ginnie Fuller – 802-866-5501

William Marsh – 802-429-2103

The Sunday School children are still collecting

RETURNABLE BOTTLES AND CANS

Please place them in the blue bucket

Benefits the Heifer Project

***Please power off your cell phones during worship
as they interfere with the sound system***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec.

- 12th 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at Parsonage
12:45 p.m. “Faith in Action” with Bill Cobb
at Orange East Senior Center
- 18th 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Pageant
December Birthday and Anniversaries
Following Service
2:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling - meet at church
- 19th 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at Parsonage
7:00 p.m. Women’s Fellowship Christmas Party
at Phyllis Ellis’ home
Bring canned goods for Back Room or
Unwrapped Toys for Kids
- 24th 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of
Lessons and Carols
- 25th 10:45 a.m. Christmas Worship

Jan.

- 9th 7:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting at Parsonage
All Annual Meeting Reports Due

**There’s a box in the Narthex for Toys for Tots where you
can place your Christmas gifts for children.**