

December 5 - UP & COMING NEWS & SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchHadley>

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Additional information can also be found on our website by visiting <https://firstchurchhadley.org>

Live Zoom Sunday Worship: *If you would like to join our Live Zoom Worship Service click on the link below at 10am on Sunday morning:*

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6222869817?pwd=ejFYVytrTlk3aW1kK01aWE1LeUJpZz09>

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please join us this Sunday, December 7th, on the Second Sunday of Advent, for our annual Christmas Pageant live and outside on the front lawn of the church at 10 a.m. A Birthday Party for Jesus inside the church will follow the service.

HOLIDAY GATHERING

The FCC Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday, December 27th, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome to attend. Attendees should bring a dessert or a snack and a gift for the Yankee Swap. Please come and enjoy good fun, good food, and good camaraderie.

ANNUAL CAROL SING AND POTLUCK

Please plan to join us for a potluck breakfast on **Sunday, December 28, starting at 9:30 a.m.** We will enjoy breakfast followed by a worship service of Christmas Carol singing in the dining room.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 7

10:00 a.m.

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT &
SUNDAY WORSHIP

Tuesday, December 9

12:00 p.m.

Hampshire Assoc. Clergy Luncheon

6:00 p.m.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesday, December 10

6:00 p.m.

Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting

Thursday, December 11

4:30 p.m.

Fiddle Orchestra Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.

Hadley Men's Club

6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sunday, December 14

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED

Save the Upcoming Dates:

December 27: Christmas Party

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE

Don't forget to subscribe to our **YouTube** channel to keep up on our latest services and to view past services and events. Please click on the following link to subscribe:

<https://youtube.com/c/FirstChurchHadley>

You may also watch our worship service later in the week on **Hadley Media Public Channel 191**.

Follow us on **Facebook**: <http://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchHadley>

Please share this email! Invite your family and friends to join us. If folks would like to get this weekly announcement, just send a quick note to rooster@firstchurchhadley.com.

If you would like to post an event in the weekly Friday email blast, please submit it by Wednesday of that week. If you do not want to receive these emails, please let us know and we will remove your name from our list.

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Peter Stilla is currently offering office hours on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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LIVE ZOOM WORSHIP SUNDAY 10AM

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The Rev. Peter Stilla
Lisa West
The Board of Christian Education

Minister
Deacon
Worship Leaders

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 7, 2025

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lila West

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: On this sacred second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Peace. Because we know that in cities and villages, in tents and tall buildings,

People: Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is waiting to be born.

Leader: In us, in our neighbors, and around the world.

People: Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is waiting to be born.

Leader: Amid conflict and dissent, we seek the harmony and serenity of Christ.

People: Jesus, Prince of Peace, we eagerly await you.

Lighting the second candle, the candle of Peace.

Sung Response:

Light one candle for peace,

One bright candle for peace.

He brings peace to every heart.

He comes! He comes.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PAGEANT: THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Please join us in telling the story of Christ's birth by singing carols throughout the Pageant.

Mary and Joseph learn of God's holy plan for them and they travel to Bethlehem: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep

The silent stars go by;

Yet in thy dark streets shineth

The everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years

Are met in thee tonight.

Mary and Joseph stay in the stable of a kind innkeeper:

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,

The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,

The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Jesus is born:

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy infant so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

The Shepherds keep watch over their flocks by night:

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say,

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

**In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

An angel of the Lord appears to the Shepherds:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"**

The shepherds travel to Bethlehem to see what has happened:

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

**It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.**

The Shepherds meet baby Jesus:

What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

The Shepherds spread the good news:

Angels We Have Heard on High

**Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

The Wise Men follow the star to Bethlehem:

We Three Kings of Orient Are

**We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star,
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,**

Guide us to thy perfect light.

The Wise Men present baby Jesus with gifts:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Mary and Joseph name their baby Jesus, and the grace of God was upon him:

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare him room

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

*The tableau will remain in place for a few moments
to allow for a photo opportunity.*

BENEDICTION

Please join us following the pageant for refreshments and a birthday party for Jesus in Fellowship Hall.