



Rangeley Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

Tune: STUTTGART/Arr. Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader & All

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord?
What shall we bring into the presence of our
God. As an expression of our worship and
praise?

**People: Shall we bring him all that we own- Our
finest possessions, our life-savings, Our
investments and property? Would God be
satisfied if we bought everything we possess?**

Leader: No, that’s not what God is looking for.

God has told you what is good, and what he
expects of you:

People: **To do justice**
 To love mercy
 To walk humbly before Him.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Holy God,
You confound the worlds, wisdom,
In giving your kingdom to the lowly
And the pure in heart.
Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice
And perseverance in striving for peace,
That by words and deeds
The world may see the promise of our kingdom,
Revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reign with you
In the unity of the Holy Spirit.
One God, forever and ever.

Lighting of 2nd Advent Candle

*GATHERING HYMN #125 (NCH)

"Angels We Have Heard"

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Liturgist

SERMON Come on Now...It's Christmas

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #154 (NCH)

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

SERVICE OF PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tony

OUR 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 (debts, sins, trespasses) as we forgive those who (sin,
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 and ever. AMEN.**

CHORAL AMEN #812 (NCH)

“Threefold Amen”

SERVICE OF GIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

Tune: PICARDY/Arr. Don McAfee

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #160 (NCH)

"Hark the Heard Angels"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

"The Holly and the Ivy"

Traditional English Carol/Arr. Penny Rodriguez

(Please Be Seated)

The trimming of the Sanctuary tree

~Special thanks to all who contributed their time, talents and gifts for today's service:

- Rev. Tony MacNaughton, **Leading Worship Service**
- Les Hoekstra, **Liturgist**
- Joann Bean, **Deacon of the Week**
- Claire Chase, **Zoomigo**
- Lily Stevens, **Reading Poem**
- Tim Johnson, **Coffee Hour** and for the unwavering help of Kathy & Zenna whenever they are present.

~This Week:

- Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal, Dec 9, 8-9:30am
- Finance Meeting, Dec 9, 3:15pm, East Room & Zoom
- Council Meeting, Dec 9, 4:00pm, East Room & Zoom
- Piano/Voice lessons, Dec 10, 11 & 13, 3-5pm, Sanctuary
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, Dec 11, 11am, Barn
- Community Day of Giving, Rotary, Dec 14, Barn

~Next Week:

- Rev. Stan Wheeler, Leading Worship, Dec 15
- Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal, Dec 16, 8-9:30am
- Deacons' Meeting, Dec 16, 4pm, East Room & Zoom
- Piano/Voice lessons, Dec 17, 18, & 20, 3-5pm, Sanctuary
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, Dec 18, 11am, Barn

**This is God's House
All Are Welcome!**

We are glad you joined us for worship today. Your participation enriches us as a community of faith. We are an active, diverse congregation committed to serving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. If you would like information about our church, please speak to the Pastor.

Rev. Tony

Please join us for:

The Rangeley Community Chorus Holiday Concert,
directed by Sue Downes-Borko.

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"

on Friday, December 13, 2024, 7:00 PM at the
Church of the Good Shepherd

The RCC Holiday concert has been made FREE for all to enjoy and exclusively sponsored by Birchwood Interiors

For 45 years, the Rangeley Friends of the Arts have been sponsoring the annual “Walk to Bethlehem” celebration, this year to be held on Sunday, December 8th. This unique event, which recreates Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem, complete with community members costumed as nativity figures.

The walk will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Rangeley Inn. Carolers will sing through the streets of Rangeley stopping at each church and ending at the Church of the Good Shepherd at 6:00pm for music program and pageant performance.

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