

Second Congregational Church

Cohasset, Massachusetts



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Third Sunday of Advent

“If you get on the side where all the hot-shots are, then
life’s a game, all right.”

Holden Caulfield, *The Catcher in the Rye*

PRELUDE

F. Poulenc

Organ Carillon (traditional French song)

*As the prelude begins, let the music help you enter into the
spirit of worship and prayer.*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP, from the Prophet Zephaniah

Leader: Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

**Many: Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O
daughter Jerusalem!**

Leader: The Lord has taken away the judgments against
you;

Many: He has turned away your enemies.

Leader: He says, “I will save the lame and gather the
outcast,

**Many: I will change their shame into praise and
renown in all the earth;**

Leader: At that time I will bring you home, at the time
when I gather you;

**Many: For I will make you renowned among all the
peoples of the earth.**

* Opening Prayer & Lighting of the Second Advent
Candle of Peace

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

ALL: We light our third Advent candle –

the candle of joy – from the edge of a great change. First,



a change that took place long ago, recalled through the words of the prophet: the people of Israel, scattered, broken, ashamed; exiled to foreign lands and yearning for home. And now another change, shadowed so that we can't yet see it clearly: we, the people of this church, at home in our safe and beautiful sanctuary; asking where we're going, who will follow us, what our future holds. Spirit of Jesus and of all the prophets, give us strength to sing our Advent hymns, in the hope we will remain peacefully gathered altogether. Give us light to see the next steps on our journey, may we find joy as we take these steps together. *Amen.*

*HYMN #131

Angels from the Realms of Glory

OFFERING

Words of Gratitude

Offertory Music

S. Rachmaninoff

"Melody in E major (1887)"

(No. 625) and Offertory Prayer

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

ANTHEM

Jay Althouse

"Noel, Noel"

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Phillipi

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

*HYMN #118

Of the Father's Love Begotten

REFLECTION

"What Side Are You On?"

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

*HYMN #138

Go Tell it on the Mountain

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

P. Tchaikovsky

Noël (December) – from The Seasons, Opus 37

*Please be seated and enjoy the Postlude in silence
as we prepare to go out for service in the world*

Bridge Pastor

Jonathan Pierce

Music Director

Jin Kim

Musician

Konstantinos Papadakis

Reader

Ushers/Greeters

Herb Marsh

Fellowship

Host

Jack DeLorenzo

Week at a glance

Day	Description	Time	Location
Sunday	Worship	10:00	Sanctuary
	Fellowship	11:00	
	<i>Reflection Circle</i>	11:15	Bates Hall
Tuesday	Working Group 2	5-6:30	Bates Hall
	<i>Living with Loss</i>	7-9	Bates Hall
Wednesday	Choir/Cantata Rehearsal	7:00	Bates Hall
Friday	<i>Mindfulness Reflection Circle</i>	9:30	Bates Hall
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