**+ FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**An Open and affirming congregation of the**

**United Church of Christ, Saugus, Massachusetts**

**Service of Worship & Communion Sunday, 10 a.m.**

**2nd Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018**

**\*Indicates for those who are able to, please stand.**

**Bold print indicates congregational response.**

**NCH = New Century Hymnal (black cover)**

**HOP = Spiral bound cover**

*Scripture reader is Rich Warbin*

*Greeter is Terri Leander*

*Coffee Hour Host is Barbara Davis*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT: “Silent Night”

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE: *“Joy”*

**Prayer Response:**

**Fill us with your joy and light, make the world so calm and bright**

**OPENING HYMN:**

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” HOP 149**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**All: Silent night, holy night**

**Shepherds quake at the sight**

**Glory stream from heaven afar**

**Heavenly host sing, "Alleluia"**

**Christ our savior is born**

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**CONFESSION:**

**Sung Response (to the tune of Christ be Our Light):**

***You are our light,***

***You are our God***

***Piercing the dark night.***

***Blessed are the ones,***

***Shining their light***

***Now in your name***

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**Sung Response: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” v.1**

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 86: 9-11; Luke 2: 8-20 (SP, LP)

(SP=Small print Bible; LP=Large print Bible)

Sermon: “Wow” Rev. Jenn Macy

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**Sung Response:**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Longing for truth, we turn to you

Make us your own, your holy people

Light for the world to see

(Chorus)

*Christ be our light, shine in our hearts*

*Shine through the darkness*

*Christ be our light, shine in your church gathered today*

**OFFERTORY: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” HOP 148**

**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: “*Joy to the World”* HOP 150**

**BENEDICTION:**

**Sung response:**

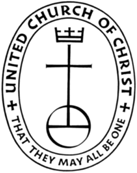
**I will be, I will be, I will be strength for the journey.**

POSTLUDE Rebecca Harrold

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