

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HANOVER

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

We Strive to Be a Church that Welcomes All and Empowers All in Christ to Share their God Given Talents.

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**Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 9:30 AM**

## **OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**PRELUDE:** Please enter a quiet time of reflection when the prelude music begins

**PROCESSIONAL AND \*OPENING HYMN:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Red Pilgrim #110

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lay Leader: We come from a world of darkness

**People: Into Christ's world of light.**

Lay Leader: We come from a world of weariness

**People: Into God's strength and hope.**

Lay Leader: We come from a slumbering world.

**People: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Creator God, you have molded us into your people. As we gather for worship, let us settle into your bosom of love. We wish to be made into your image. We worship to experience your brightness. We gather to become your Body of Believers. Restore us, O God of the heavens; let your face shine up on us, so that we may worship and know you. Amen.

**CANDLELIGHTING: HOPE**

With the Candle of Hope, we begin the season of Advent. (Light a **PURPLE** candle)

We look for God's light to shine in our world. God's light can bring new Hope. O God, may hope live in our hearts and shine in our world. This is the candle of hope.

*After the candle is lit, the congregation will sing:*

*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,*

*A candle of hope on December's dark night.  
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky  
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.*

## **ANTHEM**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**                      Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

### **GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

### **MESSAGE**

Rev. Peter

### **\*HYMN**

*Come O Long-Expected Jesus*

Blue Chalice #125

### **THE OFFERTORY**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

Red Pilgrim #515

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

Blue Chalice #431

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING**

◇ Our Liturgist is Ginny Hunt-Burbine.

◇ Today's altar flowers are given by Amy Kelly in memory of Deborah Bowen and Beth & Bruce MacDonald.