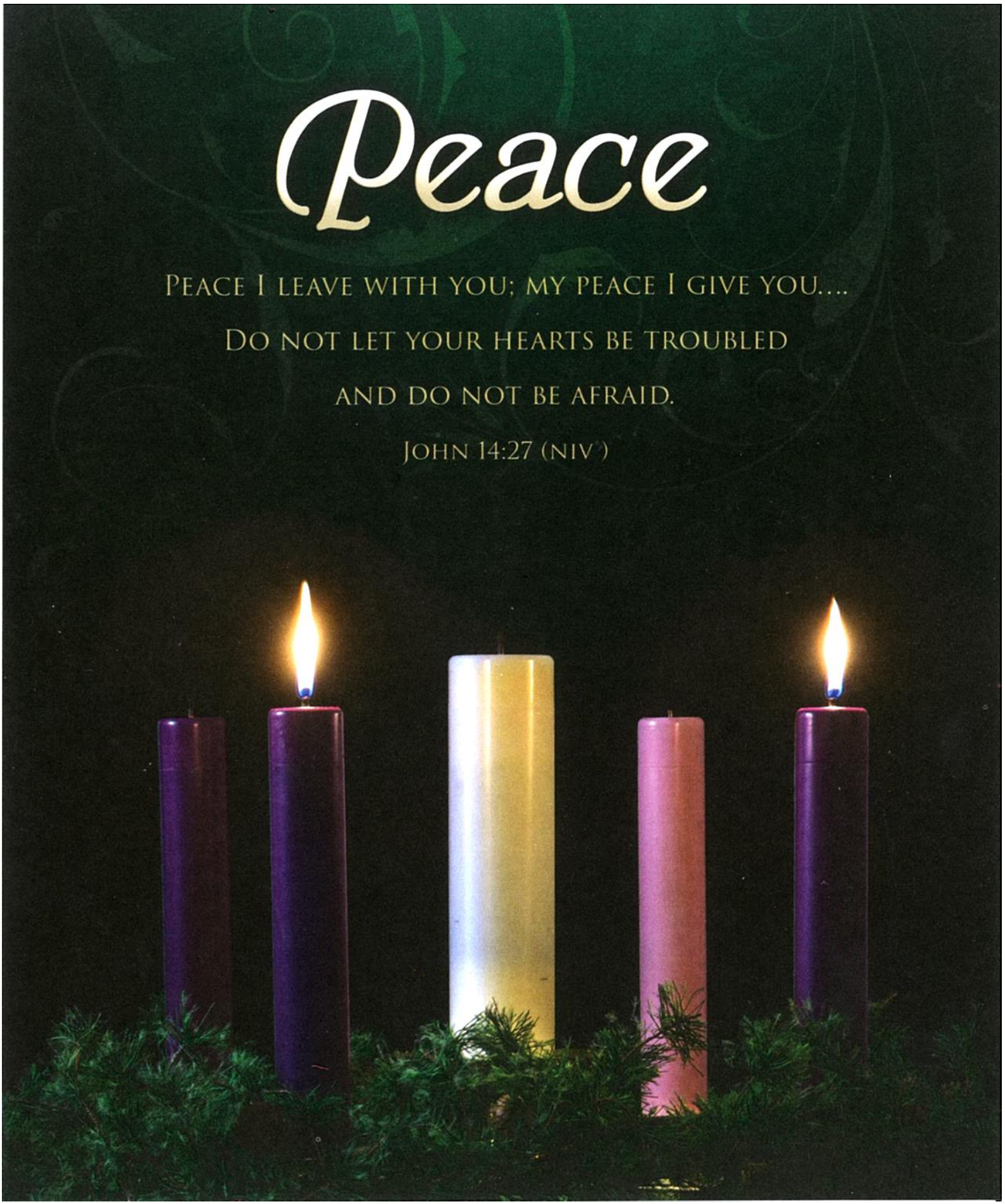
Peace

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you....
Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.

John 14:27 (NIV)



Morning Worship

Communion Sunday
Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022 8:30 & 10:00 AM

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*If it is comfortable for you to do so, please stand

APPROACH TO GOD

Let us keep silence as we prepare for worship.

TOWER CHIME Norma Mackinley-Smith

MEDITATION

"Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

PRELUDE *Fantasy on Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming* D. Tiedman
DECIBELLS *(21st century)*

INTROITUS *Hills of the North, Rejoice* LITTLE CORNARD
(10:00) **CHANCEL CHOIR**

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Leader: Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

People: We light this candle for peace.

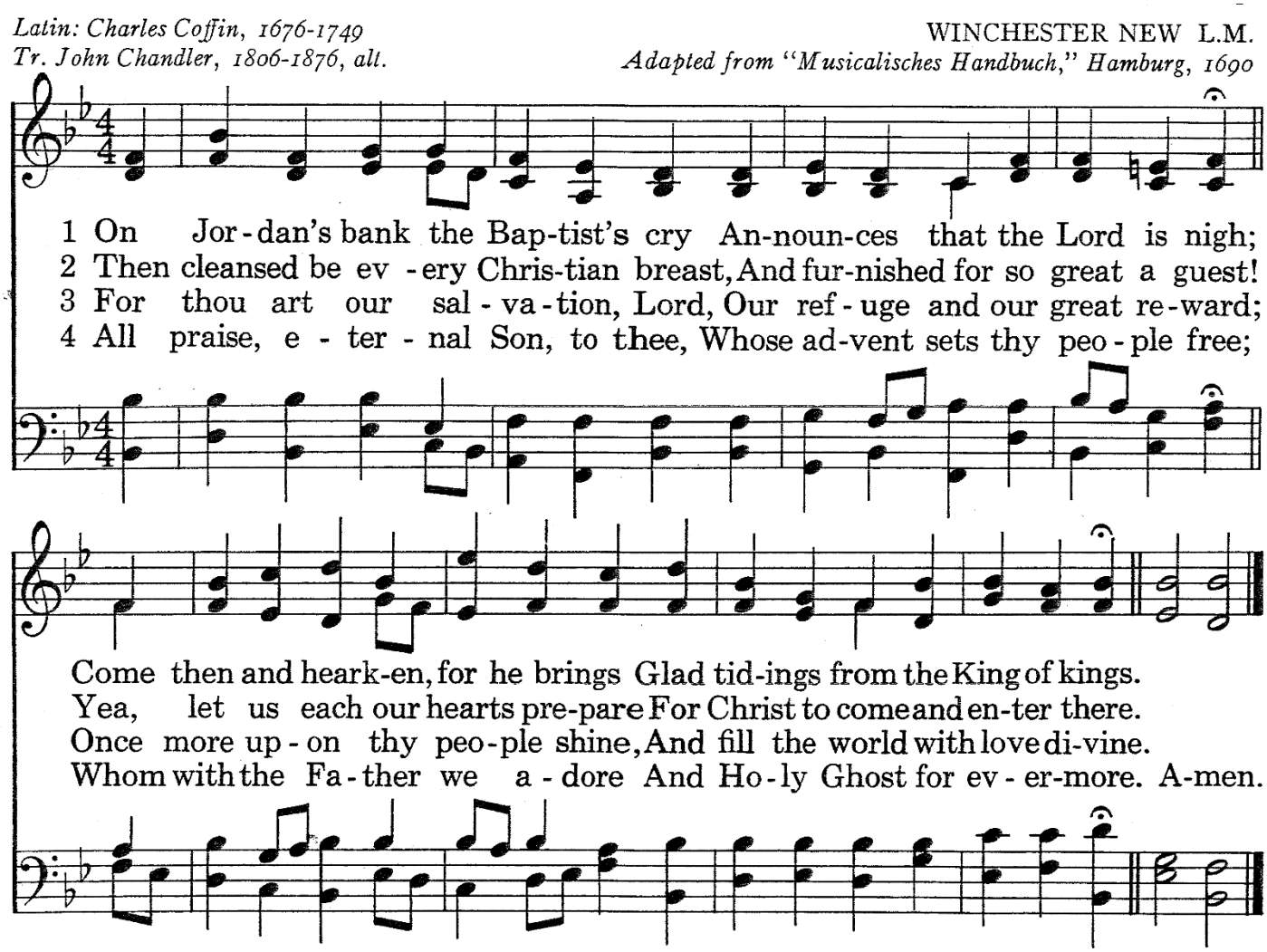
Leader: Hear God's promise of peace from Isaiah 11:1-10:

Reader 1: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

Leader: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the

peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

***HYMN #115** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* WINCHESTER NEW L.M.



***OPENING PRAYER** (Unison)

Merciful God, when we look around, the promises of Your Kingdom seem so distant. As we draw closer to You in this time of worship, remind us again that You are our God and we are Your people. Then, grant us tenacity, to bring light where there is darkness, peace where there is strife, comfort where there is despair. Let the light of Your Spirit shine in us and guide our steps in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI #513**

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, A-men, A-men.

GREETINGS

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

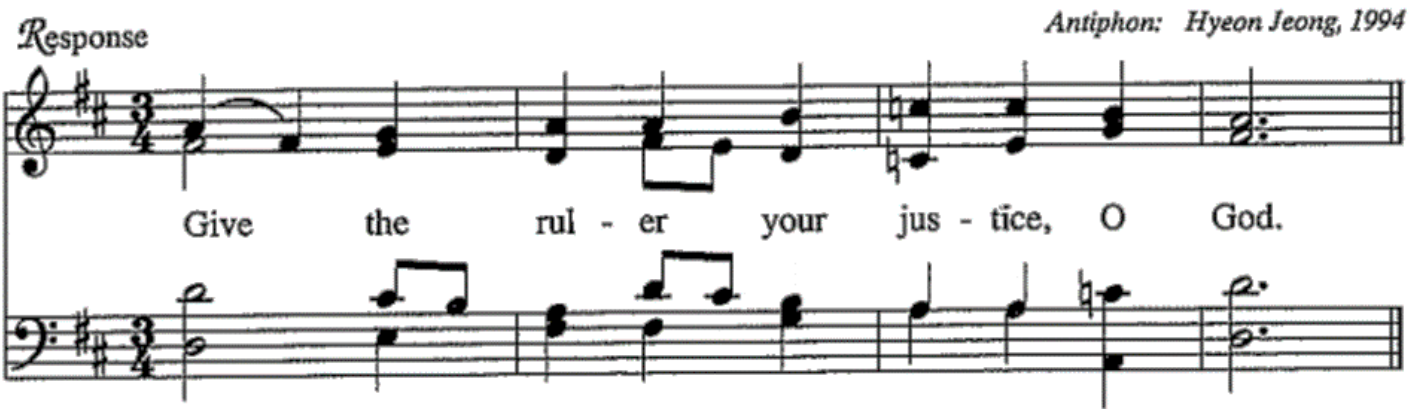
Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GRATIA TIBI *Thanks Be to Thee* T. Tallis
(10:00) *(1505 – 1585)*

SERMON “The Spirit of Advent” Rev. Dr. Andrew W. Armstrong

RESPONSIVE PSALM 72:1-7,18-19

(10:00) **BRIANNE BIASTOFF, psalmist**

The Psalm will be intoned once: The Congregation sings the same Response, and then again at the "℟" indication below.

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[1]Give the ruler your justice, O God,
and your righteousness
to a ruler's heir.

[2]May the ruler judge your people
with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.

[3]May the mountains yield prosperity
for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness. ℟

[4]May the ruler defend the cause of the
poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

[5]May the ruler live while
the sun endures,
and as long as the moon,
throughout all generations.

[6]May the ruler be like rain
that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.

[7]In the ruler's days may
righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the
moon is no more. ℟

[18]Blessed be the Sovereign,
the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

[19]Blessed be God's glorious name
forever;
may the whole earth be filled
with God's glory.

Amen and Amen.
Amen and Amen. ℟

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Patient Lord, forgive our lack of faith in Your loving power. We look around us and all that we see is what we don't have. We fail to notice the daily blessings You lavish upon us. Clear our blindness to the needs of others. Strengthen us and move us from lame excuses for not serving You. Help us to truly listen to one another, not with our pat answers ready, but with loving and generous hearts. Heal us and make us ready to truly be Your disciples. Amen.

A time of silence for personal confession

KYRIE #545 *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* J. Merbecke

CONGREGATION JOINS IN SINGING *(1510 – 1585)*

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Behold and believe in the wondrous power and love of God! It is poured out for you and for God's beloved world. Rejoice in this good news, In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

OFFERTORY *Creator of the Stars of Night* CONDITOR ALME
arr. Gaylon

***THE ADVENT DOXOLOGY #515** OLD HUNDRETH LM

All praise, eternal Christ to Thee,
Whose Advent sets Thy people free;
once more upon Thy people shine,
and fill the world with love divine. - Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

Holy God, Your servant John has prepared a highway for Your Son and our Lord Jesus Christ. Though the paths of our own lives are crooked, He always finds a way to lead us home. Receive these gifts with our gratitude because You have found us and made us Your own. This Advent, help us proclaim a message of hope that magnifies our generosity, our kindness, and our prayers. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Communion

It is a tradition at First Church that we eat the bread and drink the cup together as the people of God renewing our covenant. We serve grape juice, bread and gluten free bread.

Invitation, Sursum Corda and Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to God.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
Leader: Almighty God, in this season of anticipation we remember and rejoice in promises foretold. The words of the prophets have been fulfilled in the child born to Mary who is Christ the Lord. Through His witness and word He gives us these gifts to know His presence and peace as one people. With the faithful of every time and place, we joyfully praise Your name:

SANCTUS #550 S. Wesley
(1766 – 1837)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. A-men.

Leader: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "This is My body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is of the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." By eating of this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

Sharing of the Bread

(8:30) *Verset for the Kyrie* A.P.F. Boëly
(1785 – 1858)

(10:00) *Kyrie Eleison* from *Missa Brevis* G. P. da Palestrina
(1525 – 1594)

Kyrie Eleison	Lord, have mercy
Christe Eleison	Christ, have mercy
Kyrie Eleison	Lord, have mercy

Sharing of the Cup

(8:30) *Versus I Toni* J. K. Keril
(1627 – 1693)

(10:00) *Agnus Dei* from *Missa Brevis* G. P. da Palestrina

Agnus Dei	Lamb of God
Qui tollis peccata mundi	Which takes away the sins of the world
Miserere nobis	have mercy on us

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

***HYMN #113** *Creator of the Stars of Night* (next page*)* CONDITOR ALME

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTUS** *Shout While Ye Journey Home* LITTLE CORNARD
(10:00)

POSTLUDE *Poco Adagio con molto espressione* G. Oldroyd
from *Three Liturgical Improvisations* *(1886 – 1951)*

"Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty"

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED; OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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AV TEAM CAMERA CREW: Doug Brenner, Joe Glajch, Lee Hauenstein, Craig Neth, Don Smith-Weiss, Roy Rumbaugh and Dennis Webster
DEACON OF THE DAY: Jeanne Chaloner
LICENSING: CCLI (print) 3034682; CCLI (streaming) 20119862; CCS 12820; OneLicense A-736284
OFFERTORY: "Creator of the Stars of Night" streamed with permission from Jeffers Handbell Supply.
STAFF SINGERS: Janet Poisson, soprano - Brianne Biastoff, alto
Zoe Harper, tenor - Joshua L. Gore, bass

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HEARING AIDS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

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Have you remembered First Church in you will?

Creator of the Stars of Night

Latin: anon. 9th century
Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

CONDITOR ALME L.M.
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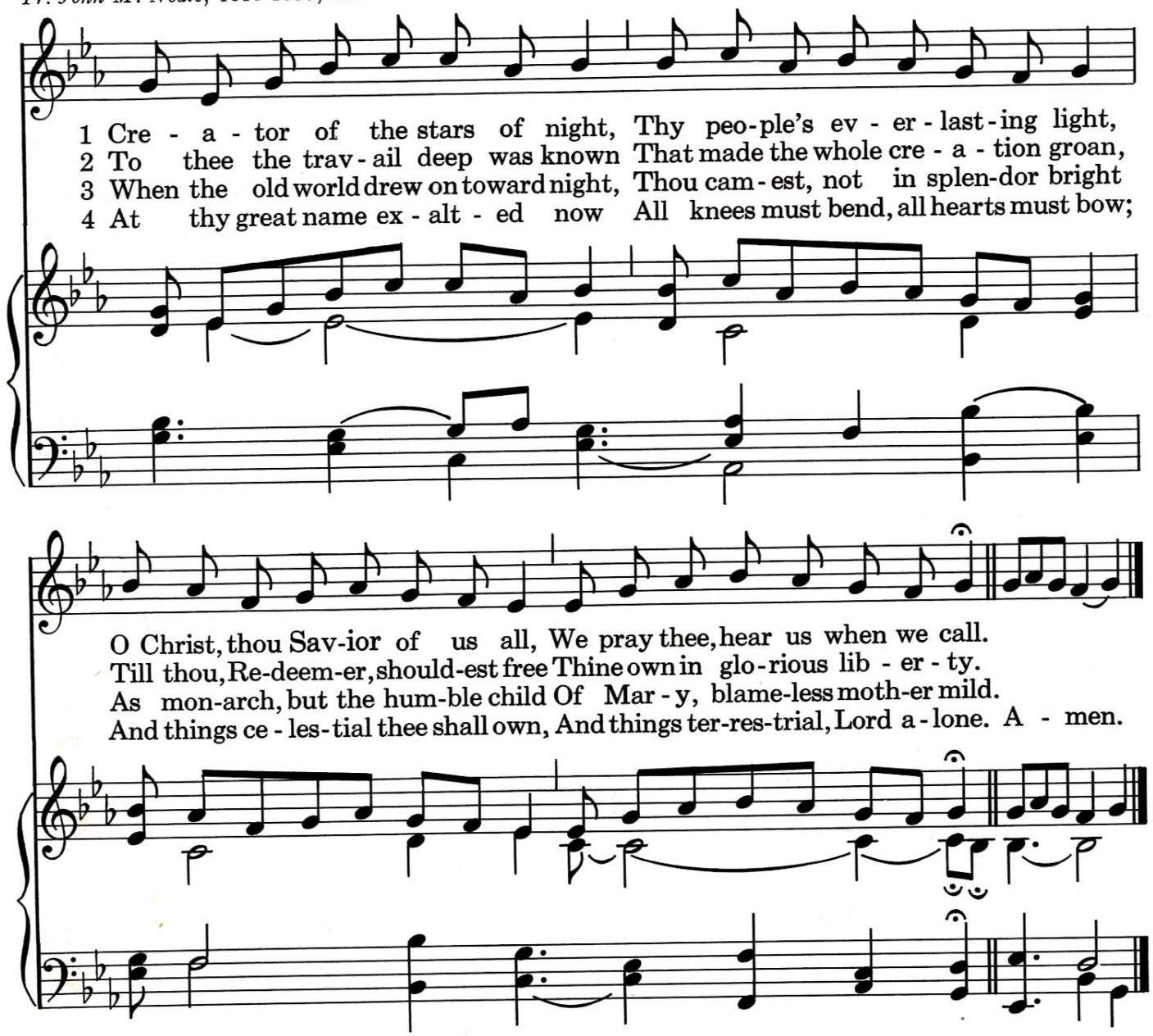

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The flowers in the pulpit this morning are given in loving memory of her husband, Lloyd, by Bernice Barnes.

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The fresh wreaths on the outside doors are given in memory of Bob Maffee, by the Maffee Family.

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Church Cancellation Policy - In the event of inclement weather, a power outage, or severe weather advisory, First Church may cancel the First Service, Sunday School, or All Services. Please visit the church webpage (www.tfcucc.org), or Facebook Page (First Church Nashua UCC) for any cancellation notices. You can also check media outlets WMUR Channel 9, or WZID 95.7 under the heading First Church Nashua. The notifications will read as follows: First Service Cancelled or Sunday School Cancelled or All Services Cancelled and will be announced by 6am on the Sunday in question.

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Winter parking reminder - Use caution when parking along the north side of the church building. Heed the posted signs. Falling snow and ice can cause damage to your cars!

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December Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM: Worship

10:00 AM: Worship & Christmas Pageant, Livestream,
Sunday School & Nursery Care

Radio broadcast at 10:00 AM on WSMN AM 1590 & FM 95.3

Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Sunday - Christmas at First

9:00 AM: Worship

11:00 AM: Worship, Livestream,

Radio broadcast at 11:00 AM on WSMN AM 1590 & FM 95.3

Childcare Care (infant-age 5) provided at both services - No Sunday School

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 PM: Family Service

7:00 PM: Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols

11:00 PM: Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:00 AM, only: Worship, Livestream,

Radio broadcast on WSMN AM 1590 & FM 95.3

No Sunday School, No Childcare

Notes from the Chancel

This Sunday, the **Second Sunday of Advent**, themes of the season support the Communion liturgy this morning. Today's organ music, handbell offerings and congregational **music** present centuries-old melodies that have become staples of liturgical music during Advent, across the world, and the Christian tradition.

The **Prelude** is a reflective new work written for handbells, on the beloved 16th century German melody "Es ist ein Ros' entsprugen" (there is a rose which has sprung open). Known best through the chorale harmonization by Michael Praetorius *(1571-1621)*, which is sung by both congregation and choir in our Advent and sometimes Christmas Eve services. Allow the sound of the bells and this gentle arrangement, especially with the use of our largest choir chimes, transport you into silent Advent reflection.

The **Opening Hymn** is a robust German hymn tune, harmonized by master church musician Johann Sebastian Bach, sung in a 19th century translation of the original German by Catherine Winkworth.

The **Missa Brevis** sung in 10:00 Communion, is a choral mass setting written by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina first published in 1570 in Palestrina's *Third Book of Masses* and reprinted several times since. The work has frequent tempo changes characteristic of Palestrina's style, governed entirely by the changing meaning and significance of the text being sung. Accordingly, there is a greater feeling of phrase than of beat and rhythm in the work. Its unity of form reflects the peace and serenity that Palestrina had in his faith.

The **Kyrie** begins with a sevenfold opening imitation, contrasts a new melody for the Christe section, and then closes with a motif similar to the first; the bass voice caps the movement with an extended, downward melodic sequence. The opening motif starts in the alto and is gradually repeated throughout by the other voices. The **Agnus Dei** sung today, is the first of two settings of the *Agnus* in the composition. *(Palestrina source: Wikipedia).*

Our **Closing Hymn** stems from a 9th century Latin text, translated by John Neale in the 19th century. Its contemplative nature and uneven meter allows the congregation to almost "chant" together. We have heard this melody already in the Offertory and will hear it again at the end of the service.

The contemplative **Postlude** is loosely based on the 9th century Latin chant theme CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM whose theme we offered in worship during the middle hymn, just sung by the congregation in its English language setting.

Christian Formation Corner

December 4, 2022

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and the liturgical color is violet.

NURSERY CARE

The church nursery opens at 9:45 AM to care for children (infants through age 2) during the 10:00 AM worship service. Nursery coordinators are on hand to greet parents and explain the procedure for checking in and picking up your child.

CHURCH SCHOOL - All children (3 years-8th grade) start in the sanctuary with their parents. After the children's message, students leave for their classes. The Ushers will be happy to direct newcomers to childcare and classrooms.

FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – DECEMBER 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

Students, teachers and assistants are preparing for the Christmas Pageant. Rehearsals are held during class today.

The pageant is under the direction of Rebecca Crivello and Steve Blunt.
Costume Director is Karen Hayden.

Following the worship service all are invited for light refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

Also, on December 11, we will be celebrating the ministry of LeeAnne Steenhoek. This is a Sunday not to be missed.

COLLEGE SEMINAR - SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 2023, 11:30 AM

This is open to all High School sophomores and juniors and their parents. Craig Plummer will lead a seminar on Getting Started on Your College in room 10. Craig is a high school guidance counselor and professional consultant and he will offer this seminar at no cost to parents and students. The Christian Formation Board will provide lunch. Sign-up is a must. Stay tuned for more information.

Sunday School will be on break Sunday December 18 through January 1. Classes resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Church Happenings and Outreach - New/Current

The First Church Fall Yard Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, December 10 from 8:30 AM to Noon. Bring your rakes and yard tools to help the Property Management team rake the fall leaves. Come join in on the fun and enjoy our great selection of donuts and a fresh cup of coffee. Please contact Doug Brenner (contact information is in the directory or through the church office) with any questions.

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Poinsettias on sale today – Stop by the table, following the worship services, in Fellowship Hall if you wish to purchase a red or white poinsettia for Christmas Sunday, December 18. Forms are also available online at tfcucc.org and in the December Messenger.

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Women's Association Christmas Potluck and Yankee Swap – Monday, December 12, 6:00 PM in the dining room. The evening is filled with delicious food and a fun-filled Yankee swap. Bring a dish to share, and a gift valued at $10 or less for the Yankee swap. Sign up at the welcome center. Contact Bea Dillaby or Carol Butler with any questions.

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Christmas Cookies and Carols for a Cause - Friday December 16, 6-7:15 PM Join Rev. Andy for an evening of fun, fellowship and good food. We'll enjoy chili (including Rev. Andy's famous recipe) and Christmas cookies, and sing along to our favorite Christmas Carols.

Afterwards, we'll gather the cookies into gift baskets to share with two organizations in need of holiday cheer. **Mary's House** provides housing for women without children who are in need of a safe and supportive living environment. **Stepping Stones Inc.** offers services to Nashua's nearly 400 homeless and unaccompanied youths.

Sign up online or at the Welcome Center and indicate if you will bring chili and/or cookies. If you are bringing cookies, please package those to be given away in a separate container from those we will enjoy with the meal.

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Pledge Cards - Please return your pledge card as soon as possible. Cards are available at the back of the sanctuary, at the welcome center, or by scanning the QR Code or online at:
https://tfcucc.org/2023-pledge-card/

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Choirs in Worship Next Sunday

Sunday, December 11, 2022

8:30 First Folk
10:00 Children of Christian Formation
First Folk

Year-End Reminder - All contributions for the 2022 tax year must be in the church office by December 31, 2022 or if mailed, the envelope must be postmarked December 31, 2022. Please contact Dianne Smigliani with any questions.

Direct Pledgers via Church Office - If you donate via ACH-Direct Deposit through the church office, please be sure to submit your 2023 pledge cards to let us know if your transactions remain the same or if there are any changes or updates you wish to make. Contact Dianne Smigliani in the church office if you have any questions.
Thank you for your support of The First Church, our Mission and Ministries.

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St. Joseph Mobile Health Clinic is adding First Church to its schedule. The goal of the mobile unit is to provide primary and preventive care to some of the most high-risk and vulnerable populations in the city, along with education to help patients better manage their own health. The RV van will park in the lot near the thrift shop and the music school from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM on Thursdays December 15, 22 and 29.

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Save the Date for the First Brunch Since the Pandemic!

Hosted by the Stewardship Committee.

Sunday, January 15, 2023, 11:30 AM in the dining room

Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletins and the January newsletter! Sign-ups to begin on December 11.

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Adult Winter Retreat – January 27-29, 2023 - "Your Life as Pilgrimage"
The Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford Pool, Maine

There are still a couple of spaces available! Rev. Andy will be leading a discussion on pilgrimage in our heritage and then help us contemplate our journey. In addition, we'll have the opportunity to write up our own pilgrim journey in the form of a spiritual biography. The cost for the weekend is $260.00 per person and includes meals. Scholarships are available. Please register with Sue in the church office.

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La Romana, DR Mission trip - First Church members will be joining a New England regional team of missionaries to La Romana, DR this February/March. To learn more about this medical mission and ways you can help, go to https://centralmalaromana.org/.

We are gathering supplies for the trip. Beth Raymond is leading this effort and she has set up a table in Fellowship Hall. There is a list of needed items and a donation basket at the table each Sunday. And if you like to donate online, the LA Romana Trip does have a Go Fund Me page: La Romana Mission Trip 2023.
You may also scan this QR code which will take you to the go fund me page. Find more information in the December Messenger.
Thank you for all of your support and encouragement.

First Church to Host Active Shooter Training: Prevention, Preparedness, and Response – Hosted by The Safe Church Team on Sunday, January 22, from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM in the dining room. This will be held in cooperation with the NH Department of Security and Emergency Management. During this 90-minute session, Steven Cooper and Tayla Jacques will be talking with us about practical things you can do should you find yourself in an active shooter situation as well as useful suggestions for staying safe.

They will have walked through our church in advance to help with exit strategies as well as ideas for the Church as a whole to tighten up our buildings. All this information will be shared with you. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. As the dining room has a limited capacity, we may have to close sign-ups so please do this early!! We also encourage you to bring your family as well as your friends from outside our church. This could well be a life-saving 90 minutes you will always remember.

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The First Church Thrift Shop is open on *Thursdays, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM,* weather permitting. The shop will be closed on Saturdays during January and February. They are accepting donations of *FALL & WINTER CLOTHING:* Boys' and girls' clothing up to size 14, baby clothes, women's clothing (all sizes), costume jewelry, pocket books and accessories, small knickknacks. Leave donations - *clean and in good repair* - in the marked bin in the courtyard lobby. Contact Gale Cummings, Beth Bartlett or the church office with any questions.

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Pulpit Flowers – If you would like to provide fresh flowers for the pulpit on Sunday morning, sign up on the chart located on the window sill near the welcome center or contact Sue in the church office to see what dates are available.

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Submit Prayer Concerns Online - Find the 'prayer request' button on the worship page for any prayer concerns you would like to share with Rev. Jami. You may also submit a confidential prayer by calling the church office.

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Aspects of Christianity - In an effort to further feed the Spirit that is within each of us, First Church is making available small brochures that one may take home and keep. Each mini-brochure is based on one particular area of Christian concern, and consists of scripture and other helpful quotes on that topic. The brochures are displayed a few at a time on the windowsill opposite the Welcome Center. Please feel free to take one, and an information sheet about the project. Each brochure has a black and white drawing that you may color if you like.

Ukraine Assistance – The United Church of Christ is appealing for support of the folks in the Ukraine. Donate at https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal or mail a check made payable to the United Church of Christ PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "Ukraine Relief Fund" on your check in the memo section.

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UCC Hurricanes 2022 Emergency Appeal - The United Church of Christ is also appealing for support for families and communities affected by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. You may mail a check payable to the United Church of Christ, PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "Hurricanes 2022 Fund" in the memo section or donate online at: https://support.ucc.org/donate---hurricanes-2022

This Week at First Church

SUN DEC 4	8:30am	Worship
	10:00am	Worship, Livestream, Radio Broadcast, Sunday School, Childcare
	7:50am	Decibells, sanctuary
	9:15am	Chimers, Shaw Chapel
	11:20am	Jubellation, Balcom Room
	11:30am	Women's Wisdom & Spirituality, Room 15
MON DEC 5	7:00pm	All Boards
TUE DEC 6	3:00pm	Hunt Service
	6:00pm	First Folk
WED DEC 7	11:45am	BNI, dining room
	12:00pm	NAIC
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir
THU DEC 8	10:00am	Thrift Shop
	6:30pm	Quilt Guild, Dining Room
	7:00pm	Decibells
FRI DEC 9	4:00pm	Women's Association, Parlor
SAT DEC 10	8:30am	Fall Clean-up
	10:00am	DAR, Room 10
	10:00am	Chancel Choir
	11:00am	SIS, Dining room

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WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who are attending this worship service. A special greeting to those who are visiting or worshiping for the first time. Please sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or fill out the **visitor card** found in the pew racks. Fill out the back of the card, and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a minister, Usher or Deacon so we may acknowledge your visit. Join in the time of fellowship, in Chapel Hall, following worship. If you have any questions about the life and ministry of First Church please seek out the individuals wearing colored name tags; they are members of the various boards and committees.

INFORMATION

First Church was gathered on December 16, 1685 as The Church of Christ in Dunstable. On the same day Thomas Weld was ordained and settled as minister of the church. The current building, built in 1894, is the tenth building to house the First Church community. In 1961, the church entered fellowship with the United Church of Christ. We welcome into our membership any who will own the covenant of First Church and seek to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in the community and world. Those interested in joining the church should contact the church office for information. New members are received during worship in November, February and May. The Sacrament of Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and the Sacrament of Baptism on the last. First Church is supported almost entirely by pledges. Every member is expected to make a financial pledge according to their ability.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care is available to all in need. Please keep the ministers informed of occasions of sickness, sorrow, and joy. Let the church office know if you or family member or friend is hospitalized.

COMMUNICATIONS

If you have a change of address, phone number, or email address, please let the church office know so that we may keep our records current.

All information for the weekly bulletin must be in the office by noon on Wednesday. All information for the monthly newsletter must be in the office by 4:30 PM on the second Monday of the month.

<u>All use of the building must be scheduled by the Secretary.</u>

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