

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)**

**Our God, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is  
the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**HYMN # 117: Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                      "Majesty"                      Georg Philipp  
Nate Welsh, Music Director

Worship has ended. Let Service begin.

Join us for fellowship, coffee & refreshments in Community Hall.  
Followed by the 2025 budget meeting.

Ways to Connect With Rev. Deanna:

Rev. Deanna schedules individual meetings by appointment.

Please contact her by e-mail, [pastor@firstchurchwilliamstown.org](mailto:pastor@firstchurchwilliamstown.org)  
or the office phone, 413-458-4273

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2024 ADVENT



Wednesday 12/11: Music Director, Nate Welsh organ recital  
7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Refreshments to follow.

Tuesday 12/24: Christmas Eve Service of Lessons  
and Carols at 5 pm.  
Wassail to follow at 6 pm

Sunday 12/29: Christmas Hymn Sing



**PRELUDE** "Mercy" Georg Philipp  
Nate Welsh, Music Director

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and JOYS & CONCERNS**

**INTROIT** Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes Hal Hopson  
Nate Welsh, Music Director FCC Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Luke 1:76-79)

Leader: Zechariah sang to his newborn son:

**People: "You, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.**

Leader: You will tell his people how to be saved through the forgiveness of their sins.

**People: Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us,**

Leader: to give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death,

**People: to guide us on the path of peace."**

**HYMN #102: O How Shall I Receive You**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**TIME OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE** (sung in unison)

**Be still and know that I am God**

**Be still and know that I am God**

**Be still and know that I am God**

**THE LIGHTING OF OUR ADVENT WREATH**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Deborah Brown

**SERMON** Rev. Deanna Shorb

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION** Meditation on Truro  
Nate Welsh, Music Director

**INVITATION TO GIVING**

**Deacon & Congregation: We offer back to God what God has first given us... our gifts, our time, our talent. May each be of use to God's church and people near and far. -Amen**

**ANTHEM** The Lord Shall Come and Not Be Slow  
Nate Welsh, Music Director Zebulon M. Highben  
FCC Choir

**DOXOLOGY** everyone sings:

**Great God of grace and righteousness**

**We worship you in humbleness**

**Singing praises, alleluia!**

**May Christ abide in every heart**

**Within us reign and never part**

**Come, O Spirit, gentle spirit**

**Loving Spirit, Holy Spirit**

**Alleluia! Amen**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Pastor and Congregation:

**Generous God, we thank you for all our blessing, and offer these gifts back to your service, that this church might continue to shine your light into the world. -Amen**