

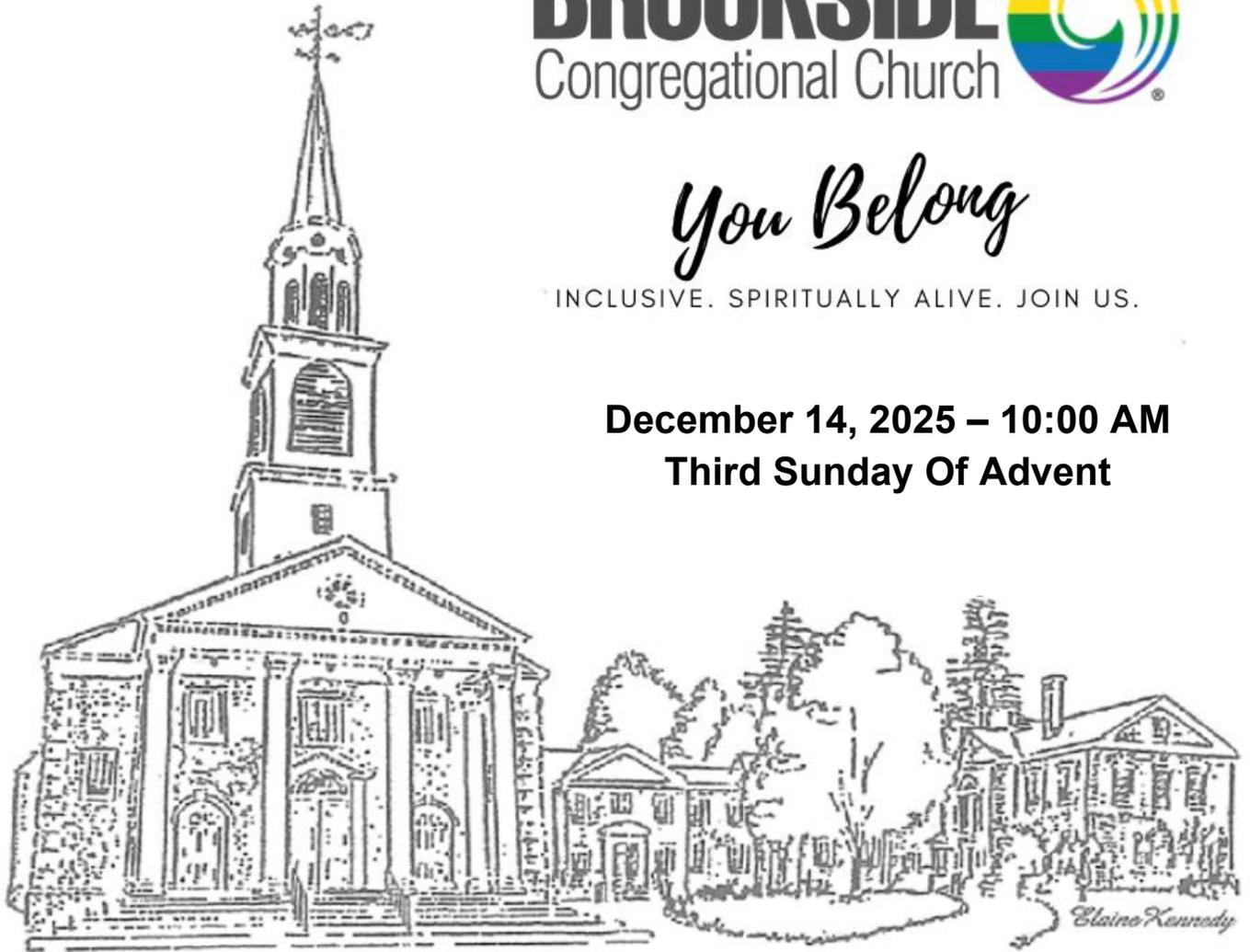
BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



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INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

December 14, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Third Sunday Of Advent



Rev. Laura Biddle, Minister
Michelle Jaques, Music Leader
Heather Bridges, Choir Leader
Christina Alvarez and Amber Nicole Cannon, Youth Troupe
Louise Popp, Church Administrator

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Youth go Directly to Spiritual Art.

*Please Stand

GREETING

The **flowers** this morning are given by Marcia Connors in memory of Donna Moody who dedicated her life to Brookside's Sunday School Program and is greatly missed.

PRELUDE *I Wonder as I Wander*

OPENING PRAYER

God of Wisdom and Goodness, Bless our Advent Season and our Wreath. May each candle inspire us to appreciate You and one another. The journey to Christmas is full of Mystery, Miracles, and Wonder. Help us embrace the time we spend in worship throughout this Advent season, preparing ourselves for the birth of Your son Jesus Christ. Guide our hearts and hands as we pray for courage to restore hope, peace, joy, and love in all corners of the earth. AMEN

THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The Daigle Family

We believe that joy lives deep in the souls of all beings. God's joy, birthed in a stable in Bethlehem, lightens a dreary world. We can feel joy in the wagging of dog tails, the purring of cats, the chirping of birds, and the laughter of children. God's promise of joy helps us begin our journey through life with family, friends, neighbors and animals. Thank God for the universal gift of joy!

*HYMN *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* N 107

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 1-20

Janice Morin

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

Deacon of the Week: Amara VanAmburg
Reader: Janice Morin
Spirit Squad: Mavrogeorge Family
Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg
Technology: Brian Brady

 *Please Remember in Prayer* 

Cliff and Martha Church
Susie Collins
The Drewry Family
Judy Foley
Lloyd Freese
Julia

Jean Peterson
Anne Lachance
Diane Mavrogeorge
Anna O'Donnell
Tim Smith

Brookside's sponsor children: Eben Gulo and Ryan Pierre
~ Sakubva Church, UCC – the center candle celebrates our
Ukama Partnership since 1996 ~



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Envelopes for special Mission donations can be found at the church entrances.

New to Brookside?

Please join the deacons and Rev. Laura for a special reception, **Sunday, January 4 at 11:00 am** in the Manning House. Our joining ceremony will be the following Sunday, January 11.

January Book Group - "The Great Believers"

On **Thursday, January 29 at 6:00 pm**, the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "The Great Believers" by Rebecca Makkai. Join us for a fascinating discussion led by Rev. Laura. To register, please send your name and email to the office. The Zoom link will be sent to registered participants during the week of the book group.

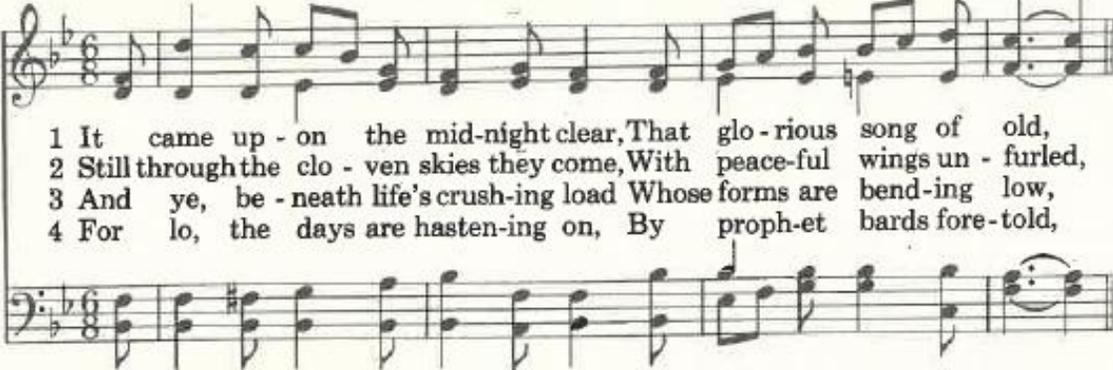
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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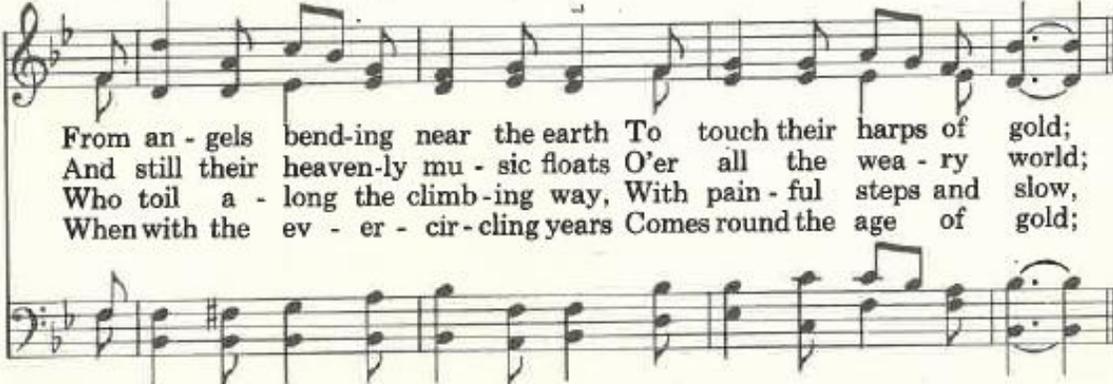
Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876, alt.

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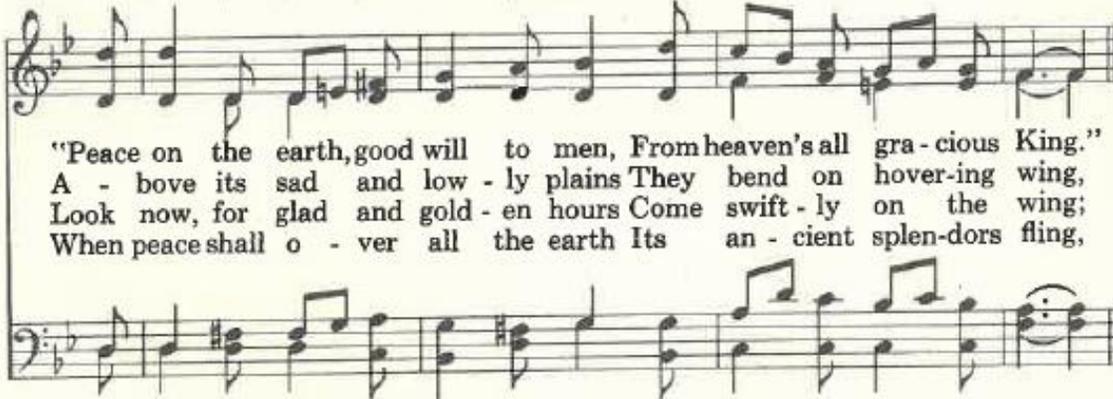
Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900



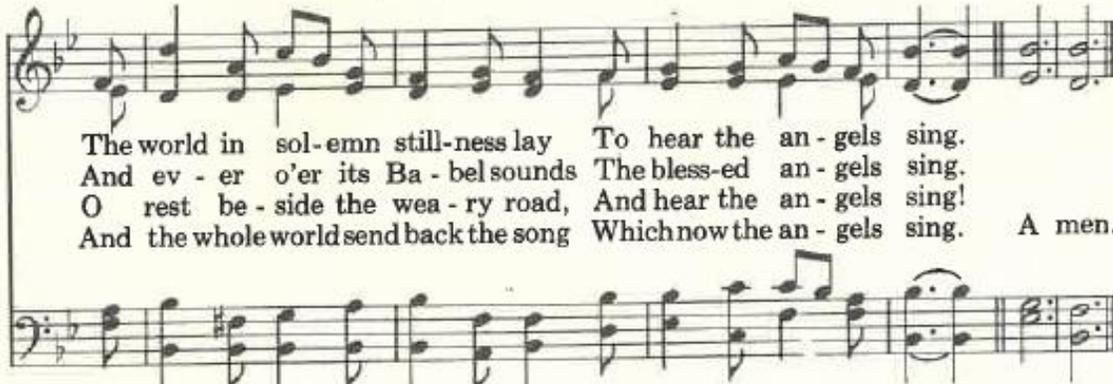
1 It came up - on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load Whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo, the days are hasten - ing on, By proph - et bards fore - told,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold;
And still their heav - en - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world;
Who toil a - long the climb - ing way, With pain - ful steps and slow,
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all gra - cious King."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hover - ing wing,
Look now, for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing;
When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
O rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing!
And the whole world send back the song Which now the an - gels sing. A men.

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

*Isa. 12:6; 26:9; 35:6; Matt. 11:5**Marty Haugen, 1983; rev. 1993*

G Am7 G/B C D

1 A - wake! a - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In deep - est night Christ's com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though

G/B C Am7 D7 G Am7

an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, whose hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 cold the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall

G/B C D G/B Am7 D C G

Je - sus is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing.
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less;

D D/F# G D Em Am D

Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 Mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing
 One with - out voice breaks forth in song, a lame one leaps in
 Love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our end - less

Em D7 G C B7 Em

geth - er, to o - pen wide the heaven - ly door, and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of the an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak are raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry, may God fill ev - ery day we share, and

Am7 D7 G 1-3 G/B C 4 G/B C G

lives now in-side us for ev - er. . . .
 shat - ter all hate and in - jus - tice. . . .
 weap-ons are bro-ken a - sun - der. . . .
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry. . . .

Amen

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The Migliori Family..... Celebrating and appreciating Family
and Friends and the wonder of grandchildren at this wonderful season!



A Very Special and Important Brookside Holiday Season Outreach effort is about to begin -

Mission Outreach is coordinating a Brookside Congregational Church Holiday Food Drive, which will run from this Thanksgiving season through Epiphany Sunday, with all proceeds going to the NH Food Bank. Food insecurity is noted as a #1 critical concern nationwide and by our community partners. We believe, through our collective outreach, this Holiday Season Food Drive will enable us to best serve the increasing needs of individuals and families in our community.

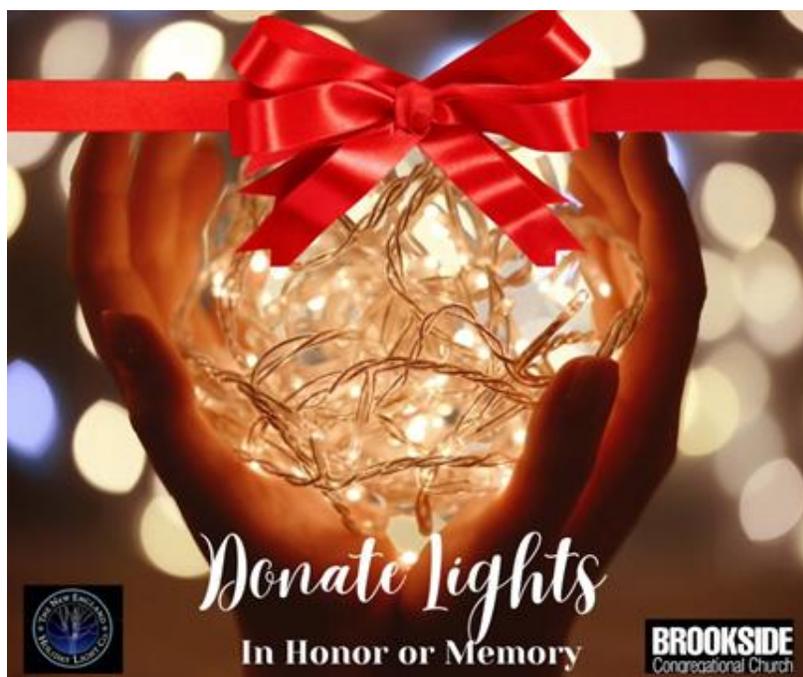
Our Holiday Season Food Drive will begin Sunday November 16th and continue through Epiphany, January 11th. There will be many opportunities to participate! We are incorporating this focused effort into all of the programs and activities at Brookside, including our Sunday services, Thrift Shop, Blue Christmas Service and more!

All of us and our friends, young and older, near or far, can participate in these activities and this outreach effort throughout this Winter Holiday Season (November 16th– January 11th)

For those who live locally - Specially marked Holiday Season Food Drive boxes will be located in multiple locations within Brookside and during Brookside activities. Please consider bringing some non-perishable, non-glass containers of fruit, vegetables, soups, or protein (such as tuna, peanut butter) with you on every Brookside visit!

For those who may not be in the area – Monetary donations may be sent directly to Brookside Congregational Church, 2013 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03104 or by pressing the DONATE button on our website (www.brooksidecc.org). Please note “Holiday Season Food Drive” when donating.

Again, food insecurity is a critical issue in our wider community and beyond. As we celebrate this special Holiday season by contributing to the Brookside Holiday Food Drive, we can touch lives, and provide much needed food, to families in our community as they celebrate the season with their own special traditions. May hope, peace, joy and love be a part of this season and let us BE the Light of Christ for people in New Hampshire who are dealing with food insecurity.



Brookside Holiday Lights

Brookside will again present its popular community light display during the month of December on the grounds of the church and everyone is welcome and invited to participate! Partnering again with The New England Holiday Light Company, Brookside Church invites everyone to contribute to the community holiday light display by donating lights in honor of loved ones. You can donate a strand or strands of lights or a Christmas Star in honor or memory of loved ones, those we've lost, those we pray for, or those we adore.

A single strand or strands of lights (with one name per strand) can be donated for \$25 each. Or, you can donate a Christmas Star for an entire family or a group of four or more names for \$100. The names of those honored or remembered will be a part of the display on the grounds of the church. Names will also be on our website throughout the month of December and gift acknowledgment cards are available and make great holiday gifts.

Donate lights in honor or memory scan the QR code below or if you prefer to pay with a check, please pick up a card in the Narthex and mail or drop it off at the church office with your payment. Please be sure to include the name of your loved one(s).

