

## Participants

Reverend Catherine Merrill

Minister

## Calendar

<b>Sunday, Jan. 1</b>	10:00 am	New Year's Day Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
<b>Sunday, Jan. 8</b>	8:30 am	Cabinet Meeting
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

### *Household Prayer: Morning*

Gracious and Holy God, I thank you for the darkness and the light, for sleeping and waking, for the privilege of safety and shelter, of warmth and health, and I ask your help for all who do not have these comforts. Guide me on this holy day to pray for your world with a whole heart and to see in myself, and in family, friends, neighbors, and strangers, what you see: each one a beloved child. Give me wisdom this day to rejoice in your gifts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

### *Household Prayer: Evening*

God of Earth and all stars, thank you for this day when you call all people to gather in your loving embrace, by many names and traditions, in lands far and near. Thank you for the rejoicing in my life, and for your promise of steadfast love when my days are hard with sorrows. Surround me now with the love that will not let me go, and give me rest, in Jesus' name. Amen.



December 25, 2016

## Christmas Day Worship Service

### *Brookline Community Church*

2 Main Street, PO Box 507

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**December 25, 2016**

**10:00 am**

WELCOME & RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP:

Extend a greeting to those nearby

**\* INTROIT: #147 "Away in a Manger"**

CALL TO WORSHIP (John 1:1-18):

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**All: He was in the beginning with God.**

Leader: All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

**All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

Leader: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

**All: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

Leader: He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

**All: But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.**

Leader: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."')

**All: From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.**

Leader: The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God.

**All: It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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: #150 "What Child is This?"**

MINISTRY OF SHARING: (offering of tithes and gifts)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

**\* CLOSING HYMN: #173 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

BENEDICTION

**Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.**

**\* Please stand if you are able**