Middlebury Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
December 25, 2022
Christmas Day

PRELUDE
Christmas Carol Medley

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

CAROLS OF THE ANGELS (INSERT)

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE
John 1:1-14
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. 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. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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

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. 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. 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.

Excerpt from the Christmas Homily of St. John Chrysostom

Ask the Pastor Anything about Christmas

CAROLS OF THE MANGER (INSERT)
JOYS, 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen. [We use “Father” and “trespasses,” but please use whatever words bring you closest to God.]

CAROLS OF REJOICING (INSERT)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Christmas Carol Medley

There is no Coffee Hour this morning.
DOING GOD’S WORK
The Congregation, *Ministers in the World*
Church Officers & Members of our Boards & Committees
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The Rev. Katrina Manzi, *Minister*
Donna Obarowski, *Choir Director*
David Obarowski, *Organist*
Valerie Beard, *Faith Formation Coordinator*
Diane Barnard, *Bookkeeper/Asst. Treasurer*
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