

SILENT MEDITATION

Praise God in luminescence

by Clare Bryden

Praise God in luminescence!
Praise for the semi-iridescence of a kingfisher
wing
Praise for viridescence
Praise for the marcescence of a blazing
beech tree

Praise for inflorescence of the swaggering
wisteria
Praise for the fluorescence of a fearsome
scorpion

Praise for the bioluminescence in seas of
suspended stars
Praise for effervescence on crested waves

Praise for the opalescence of a crescent
moon
Praise for adulescence in a setting
moonstone

Praise for the urgency of adolescence
Praise for their efflorescence

Praise for the acquiescence of beloved lives
Praise for their presence, praise in their
absence

Praise for each coalescence of collapsing star
dust

Praise God in his incandescence for his
Father's house

Praise God in the swell of liquescent psalm
Praise God in every essence

Praise God luminescence!



ALL people are welcome here

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~ NOVEMBER 23, 2025 ~ REIGN OF CHRIST ~

~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~

**Stand if you are able*

NURSERY CARE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

Babies and children are invited, welcomed, and encouraged in worship services. We have worship bags in the narthex filled with activities to use during the worship service, as well as a rocker at the back of the sanctuary for parents with babies and toddlers. Children ages Pre-K through grade 7 are invited to join us downstairs for church school, after the Time With the Young message.

INTROIT *Now Thank We All Our God*

George Friedrich Kaufman

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, and PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

ENTER "THE FLAME" & "THE WORD"

PRELUDE *Day is Done*

Barry L. Bobb

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of heaven has made a home on earth,

People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: The highest in all creation lives among the least,

People: Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now all who thirst

People: and drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now all who hunger

People: and be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now all who seek

People: and be warmed by the fire of love.

***HYMN (CH) #715** *Now Thank We All Our God*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Paula Nassivera

**Blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer,
yours is a perfect relationship: One God in three persons,
mutual and whole.**

We confess that our relationships are not that way.

We have been too selfish
Or we have given too much.
Or we have accepted too little.
We have failed to love after the manner of Jesus.
We have let sin drive us away from one another, and from you.
We long for wholeness and peace and a sense of well-being,
but our sin takes us in other directions.
Forgive and restore us.
Pull us to you,
with mercy and grace, draw us into your holy dance of life.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

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.

***GLORIA PATRI (CH) #37**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHOIR ANTHEM *Give Thanks* Henry Smith / Joseph Graham and David Angerman

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:
God of compassion, **hear our prayer.**

***HYMN (CH) #714** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4:4-9 Joel Ario

SERMON Sitting at the Children's Table Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

A HEALING SERVICE

OFFERTORY *Aria on For All the Saints*

David Cherwien

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN** (CH) #717 *Let All Things Now Living*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*



Richard Wienhorst

The flowers this morning are given by Lindy Bowden,
for the beauty of nature, even in stick season
Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Joel Ario;
liturgist, Paula Nassivera;
acolyte and beadle, Pada Bednar and Sophia Lima;
ushers, Annabelle Liu, Lindy Bowden, Lynne Welsh, Mary True, Marietta and Karl White;
tech crew, Chris Lima, Patrick Honan, and CJ Honan;
and coffee hour hosts, Judy Dunn and Nora Larson.

PRAYER LIST: Our prayer list is a network of love and faith in the power of prayer. We receive these names from members and friends of our church who hold these individuals up in their own prayer life for God's healing and strength upon them.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS PRAYER CONCERNS: Bill A.; Auburn; Mark Cassidy; Steve Larsen; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Robin Hoag; Spencer March; Damon Wilder; Bill Childs; Sherrie Baker; Pete Ianacone; Jane McIlwaine; Michael; Oliver Bucholt; Donna Harris; Steve and Val Smith; Tom Drunsic; Bella & Baby Enzo; Linda Bushee; Mason; Robert Goepel; Nathaniel Michael Davis-DeMatteo; May; Cathy Condon; Emma Ingison; Larry Cochran; in the Dorset Church, for safety in our travels during the Thanksgiving holiday; in the Vermont Conference, for the Shrewsbury Community Church, and their pastor, Karen Braeutigam; in the UCC, for nationwide churches that are coming together to keep food shelves stocked during the recent SNAP uncertainty.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Craig, Jaxson, and Jacob Smith; Diane; Millie Holland; Michael Chambers; Patrick Denis; Dody Marcotte; Eric Parks; Tim Velie; Kris; Kay Kwasniewski; Robbie Littlewood; Sandy Cary; Elizabeth LaBerge; Dottie Hinkle; Chip Wilson; Hazel Prouty; James Jankowski; Jameson Gray Pelton; Evelyn Tobin; Cassia Duran; Rich; Bill Wise; George Smith; Jack; Jonathan Dickinson; Judy Dunn; Alan Wiegand; Sandra Hazelton Pratt, Amanda Williams.

Please come to
The Northshire Seniors Holiday Dinner,
our annual holiday get-together.

DATE: MONDAY, December 8

TIME: 12:30 PM

PLACE: The Eagles, Manchester, VT

You will enjoy a holiday dinner with all the fixings. The cost will be \$10.00. Please reserve by December 4, first come, first serve, as there is limited seating. Lunch will be followed by our holiday teacup auction. Please bring donations of holiday decorations or things that could be given as gifts. To sign up, please contact Linda O'Leary at 802-779-1314 or linda.oleary@rswsu.org.

Please dress for the occasion and bring your holiday spirit!

CHRISTMAS TIME IS POINSETTIA TIME!

Time to order the poinsettias for decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. The cost for each plant is \$12. If you would like to place an order, please send your check to Dorset Church, P.O. Box 263, Dorset, VT 05251, along with your name and phone number. If you wish to include a dedication, enclose it with your order. Questions, call the church office at 867-2260. **Please place your order by December 10th.**



COMMUNITY SHARING PROJECT

Serving Dorset, Danby, Pawlet, Rupert and Wells

Our Mission:

The Community Sharing Project is a caring local volunteer group committed to serving families and individuals in need living primarily in Dorset, Danby, Pawlet, Rupert and Wells. Community Sharing Project gathers gifts of food, new clothing, boots and toys to provide a more bountiful holiday season. We are neighbors helping neighbors through the generous contributions of our donors and volunteers.

There are many ways YOU can support our mission to bring a more bountiful holiday to our neighbors:

Take an angel (or a bunch!) off the Christmas trees located in many stores, banks or churches in the area. Each angel lists a specific item of clothing for a person for you to purchase and return to us. These trees will be set-up by November 16.

Donate a food basket. We give you the detailed shopping list, you shop and deliver a complete basket back to us.

Donate a frozen store-purchased turkey. Please let me know if you will donate this so I can count it.

Donate a new unwrapped toy.

Donate money. Cash donations are used to buy items for all the angels not taken from the trees, to buy new boots, a gift card to Price Chopper and to fill in where needed. Please write the check to: CSP, and mail to:

Community Sharing Project, P.O. Box 263, Dorset, VT 05251

There is also an opportunity to "adopt a family." This means you shop for all the clothes, food and toys for that family. (We still purchase their boots).

All donations are due back at Dorset Church by Friday, Dec. 12

Please contact Beth Eyre at 867-2463 or eyreemail@sover.net with any questions.
Thanks for your support and happy holidays!

www.communitysharingproject.org

MEETINGS

Christian Education meets today @ 11:15 a.m.
Deacons, December 14 @ 11:30 a.m.
Trustees, December 16 @ 3:30 p.m.
Hospitality, December 18 @ 10:00 a.m.
Cabinet, December 21 @ 11:30 a.m.



November 27 and 28
in observance of the
Thanksgiving holiday.

Second Hour today at 11:30 **GIVING THE GIFT OF MOBILITY**

Come listen and learn about Dr. Kelly Gaiotti's Medical Mission Trip to Antigua, Guatemala, where she worked as a physical therapist for the 2025 medical team providing pro bono total knee and hip replacements to over 60 patients in need through the organization "Operation Walk Pittsburgh." You can learn more about the organization here: www.operationwalkpgh.org

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

On **Wednesday, December 3, at 5:00 p.m.**, tradition dictates that we gather on the Town Green for our Annual Community Tree Lighting & Caroling. We'll all begin at the Christmas tree on the Dorset Green for a Christmas Carol Sing-a-long. Bring a flashlight. Directly after, we will head over to the church. Please bring a pot of your favorite chili or soup. We'll provide the bread and drinks.



**Saturday, November 29, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and
Sunday, November 30 following worship—SERRV sale**

First Sunday of Advent - November 30

**Wednesday, December 3, 5 p.m. – Dorset Green Community Tree
Lighting & Church Chili Potluck.**

Second Sunday of Advent - December 7

All-church Advent Wreath Making & Potluck Lunch, 11:15 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 10, 10 a.m.—Fellowship Christmas Celebration and Fellowship
Annual Meeting.**

Friday, December 12, 6:30p.m. - Sankta Lucia Concert,

Third Sunday of Advent - December 14

*** No Coffee Hour – Community Sharing Organization**

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21

***During worship-Living Nativity Multigenerational Christmas Pageant**

***7 p.m. – Longest Night Worship Service –
First Congregational Church,, Manchester, VT.**

Christmas Eve—Wednesday December 24

4:30 p.m. Family Worship Service

8 p.m. Communion Worship

December 28—Lessons and Carols

Epiphany Sunday—January 4

All-church Epiphany Party Program – Following worship



FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AND CHRISTMAS GATHERING

The Dorset Church Fellowship will hold our Annual Meeting and Christmas Gathering on **Wednesday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the church vestry.** Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. All are welcome, whether you have the opportunity to contribute to the potluck or not. It is more important that we enjoy the evening together! Tom Salmon will lead us in Christmas Carol Bingo. Everyone is invited to attend!



SAVE THE DATE

DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2025

TIME: 12:00PM DEPARTURE FROM CHURCH

PLACE: WINTER LIGHTS at SHELBURNE MUSEUM

We will have lunch on the way in Middlebury, then enjoy the brilliant and beautiful display of colorful light installations with musical moments throughout the Museum's campus. For more information, contact Candace Parks, 802-989-2416.



YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

November 23 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. The Un-Hunger Games at the Manchester Congregational Church.

December 7 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Games and something Advent at the Manchester Congregational Church.

December 14 (time to be determined). FIRE Christmas Party, which includes a yankee swap, at the Federated Church of East Arlington.

For more information please reach out to Gretchen Lima for more information at gretchenlima@aol.com or (973)900-1485.

Advent Preview—Daily Devotionals—Growing in our Faith

This year, during Advent, our church will be using an All-church Comprehensive Advent Curriculum. This is published by Illustrated Ministry, which is very exciting. The theme for Advent is The Will to Dream. Here are some ways that you and your family can get involved in the coming weeks:

- *grow your family faith through worship
- *daily and weekly devotionals
- *lighting of the advent candles
- *all church Advent workshop and wreath making
- *community-wide tree lighting and potluck *mission an advocacy opportunities and more

The curriculum provides weekly devotionals, which include:
The Will to Dream Devotionals - All-church weekly devotionals

Advent Candles



Men's Breakfast

Our second breakfast is on Saturday, December 6, at 8 am in the church vestry. Please come enjoy fellowship with other guys as we have informal conversation, voice our prayer concerns, and plan for possible programs you might be interested in at future breakfasts. Please email Phil Peterson phil.peterson100@gmail.com to let him know you're coming. We look forward to seeing you on December 6!



Friday evening November 28th *Dorset Tractor Parade*



Dorset Green

5:15 pm to 6:15 pm

Anyone wishing to enter a tractor in the parade meet at HN Williams parking lot at 4:45 pm.

Parade Route: HN Williams to Route 30, left on Meadow Lane, right on Cheney Road, right on Church Street (around The Green twice), right on Rout 30 back to HN Williams.

Parking: Dorset Church, Dorset Field Club, Church Street (south of Dorset Green). **NO PARKING AROUND GREEN**

Questions contact the Town Office 362-4571 x 3

The Dorset Players, Inc., along with
Charlie's Coffee House and Main Street Dental Present



Music & Lyrics
by Johnny Marks

Script Adaptation
by Robert Penola

Arrangements
by Timothy Splain

Orchestrations
by William C. White

Directed
by Michelle Cox

Music Direction
by Rob Ellis

Choreographed
by Renee Wymer

December 5, 6 & 12 at 7pm

December 7, 13 & 14 at 2pm

The Dorset Playhouse
104 Cheney Road, Dorset, VT

Tickets: dorsetplayers.org or (802) 867-5777

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**AT THE
DORSET CHURCH**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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