

# Newman Congregational Church

## United Church of Christ



*"Can these dry bones live?"*

*Kettle Point, East Providence.*

## Second Sunday of Advent

### December 7, 2025

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## OPENING MUSIC

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen (Lo, a Rose e'er blooming)  
Max Drischner (1891–1971)

## WELCOME

## INTROIT & ADVENT CANDLE

**Behold that Star!**  
**Behold that star up yonder,**  
**Behold that star!**  
**It is the star of Bethlehem.**  
**It is the star of Bethlehem.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to this house seeking transformation.

**All: Breathe new life into our hearts, O God.**

One: Receive the Holy Spirit, here in this place.

**All: We receive it with joy and thanksgiving!**

## \*HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PH#107

## PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION – *said together*

**God of mystery and judgement,**  
**Who has formed us from the substance of the earth,**  
**Who has made us to be salt and light,**  
**Who has sent us into a world of night and shadow,**  
**Guide us in your ways and truth and reconciliation.**  
**Grant us understanding and discernment,**  
**So that we might become tuned instruments**  
**Of your peace and glory. Amen.** [please take a moment for silent prayer]

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

## HEART TO HEART

*Children invited to attend Church School following the Heart to Heart*

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

*An ancient Christian tradition of greeting one another by waving, shaking hands,  
bumping fists, or however else you are moved to greet others.*

## SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1–14  
John 11:25–26

NRSVue

**SERMON**

“The Good Bones of Advent”

**\*HYMN**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

NCH#292

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERATORY ANTHEM**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
John Carter (b.1930)

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER** – *said together, using words that you find meaningful*

Our [Father/Mother/Creator], 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*The deacons will serve communion bread and cup to the congregation in the pews. Everyone is invited to eat bread and drink juice together after all have been served. This communion bread was made this morning in the church kitchen. There is also a gluten-free bread option.*

**\*HYMN**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

NCH#116 v. 1, 2, 3, 5

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Wake, Awake, for night is flying  
Paul Manz (1919–2009)

*\*Stand if you are able, or sit if you prefer*

**Thank you to everyone who participated in today's service:**

Ministers: All Church Members	Dot Leone: Reader	Helen Bodell: Greeter
Geoffrey Greene: Music Minister	Becky Bass: Soprano Leader	Barbara Youmans: Alto Leader
Thomas Seeger: Tenor Leader	Jonne Gomes: Bass Leader	Tom Lima: A/V Specialist
Rev. Sam Lovett: Senior Minister		

*Food Pantry:* The Good Neighbors Food Pantry requests donations of cereal and canned fruit in December. However, all non-perishable items are gratefully accepted.

*Church Lighting:* The church steeple is lit this week in honor of the Newman Missions' Committee for their incredible effort in hosting and running the annual Missions Bazaar.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort!

*Flowers:* Today's flowers are in loving memory of Milt Collier,  
given by his wife, Anne and family.

*Altar flowers are often given in honor or memory of a person or group. If you would like to sponsor the floral arrangement on a particular Sunday, please contact Debra Messinger at 401-741-4633 or debndave15@cox.net.*

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

- Coffee & Conversation – today, December 7, after worship in Memorial Hall
- The Autism Project Basketball – Monday, December 8, at 4:30 pm in Memorial Hall
- Good Neighbors Food Pantry – Tuesday, December 9, from 5 – 7 pm
- Widow's Might Meeting – Thursday, December 11, at 11 am in the Chapel
- Widow's Might Lunch – Thursday, Dec. 11, at 12:15 pm at Chelo's on Newport Ave.
- Adult Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, December 11, at 7 pm in the Sanctuary
- Advent Book Discussion – Thursday, December 11, at 7 pm via Zoom
- Faith-Based Discussion Group Brunch – Friday, December 12, at 10 am in the hall
- Third Sunday in Advent – next Sunday, December 14, at 10 am in the Sanctuary
  - Lessons & Carols Service with Brass Quartet
- Potluck and Gingerbread House Decorating – December 14, at 11:15 am in the hall