



Pajama and Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday!

Sunday, December 29, 2019

10:00 am

First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership, and employment, and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God.

We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.

Welcome to this service of worship at The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. Please join us in the auditorium after worship for our Community Hour.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

Please let an usher know if you would like a Bible during the service.

We are happy to provide one upon request. You may also get one from the bookshelf across from the sound booth room.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Vasil Golodinskii, tuba
Arr. Gwyneth Walker

WELCOME

(please sign and pass the red fellowship pad found at the end of your row.)

Rev. Patrick Collins

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

MUSIC

Do You Hear What I Hear?

The Chancel Choir
Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne

READING

The Ugly Christmas Sweater Song

By Joel Lindsey and Jeff Bumgardner

Ev'rybody needs a Christmas sweater,
and ugly Christmas sweaters are the best.
They're festive and they're neat, and no outfit is complete
without some Merry Christmas on your chest.

Of all the many holiday traditions,
there is one that's a gift that keeps on givin',
a conversation starter that will never have a clone.
And it doesn't have to match a thing you own.

Could be a reindeer made of glitter.
Or a tree with lights that blink.
You're never dressed so well as when your torso says Noel!

Ho Ho Ho! My dad had one with Santa dressed like Elvis,
with cotton balls and sleeves made out of velvet.
I saw one with kittens that were dressed like little elves.
And I had one that used to play the tune to "Silver Bells."

There's nothing better than a thrift store sweater,
bedazzled and beglamoured just for you.
Any kind of thing you can imagine
can be made with yarn and tinsel and some flue.

They're festive and they're neat, and no outfit is complete
without some Merry Christmas on your chest.
Oh, ugly Christmas sweaters are the best, the best!

MUSIC

While By My Sheep

The Chancel Choir
Hugo Jungst

CAROL: *Congregation Choice*

MUSIC

I Wonder as I Wander

Daniel Young, tenor
John Jacob Niles

CAROL: *Congregation Choice*

MUSIC

I Sing Noel

Carolyn Paulus, soprano
Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne

READING

The Day After Christmas

Wrapping paper everywhere
with ribbons, tags and bows,
piled in our living room
as deep as winter snows.

Empty boxes, packages,
and bits of twine and tape,
littered all across the floor.
It seems there's no escape.

by Linda Knaus and Kenn Nesbitt

Mistletoe, confetti
and some scattered potpourri.
Tinsel, popcorn, ornaments,
and yes, of course, the tree.

Now we're in a panic,
searching frantically all day.
We think we kept the garbage
and we threw the gifts away!

MUSIC*'Twas the Night Before Christmas*Craig Symons, bass
Ken Darby**MUSIC***A Little Child Shall Lead Them*Carol Woodman, soprano
Tom Woodman, bass
Mary McDonald**CAROL:** *The Twelve Days of Christmas***MUSIC***Traditional Ukrainian Folk Carols*Hanna Golodinskii, soprano
Vasil Golodinskii, bass
Mykola Leontovich**MUSIC**

Linnea Conley, soprano

CAROL: *Congregation Choice***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Patrick Collins

POSTLUDE*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*Vasil Golodinskii, tuba
Arr. Gwyneth Walker

First Church will be closed for New Year's Day, January 1, 2020.

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