

**First Congregational Church
Press Release
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Christmas Eve Services at FCC

There will be more than just a bluegrass celebration this Christmas Eve at the First Congregational Church of Manchester.

The fourth Sunday of Advent will be observed at 10:30 am and the service will focus on the themes of love and redemption. Reflection will center on Richard Rohr's statement, "So we Christians prepare to make festival, or as Thomas Merton puts it: 'Make ready for the Christ, whose smile-like lightening-sets free the song of everlasting glory that now sleeps, in your paper flesh- like dynamite.'"

After the family service at 4:00 pm: "A Savior Where Art Thou," FCC invites the community to a traditional candlelight service at 8:00 pm for carols and a time of reflection on the Christmas Story.

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