

In Our Prayers

Our country, our leaders, and leaders elect**Oaklynn (3 year old granddaughter of Tina Caldwell)** Those impacted by nature's fury**Michael Savanelli (recovering from a heart procedure) **Beth Piascyk**Linda Syphers (friend of Gail Berlepsch)**Louis Pasierello Jr. (friend of Mike and Pam Savanelli)**Jeff Clay (progressive throat cancer, (Tina Caldwell's brother in law)**Gladys Wells**Carolyn Keehan (in Hospice)**Bob Kaden (having neck surgery)**Andrew (brain cancer)** Friends of Cynthia Bruestche** Healing for Justin Weekes, son of Sandy Weekes**Tina Caldwell**Sally Coleman** Megan Perkowski **Cousin Jean Farrell and Aunt Joyce Gorsky (the McKenna Family) ** Mark and Lynn Bailey (friends of John and Sherry Perkowski)** Tim Keogh** Ashley Sibley (Bernie and Tony's great-niece)**Tom Jastermsky** Gabe and Jude Heidenis (Bernie and Tony's grandsons)**Jack Grotti (friend of Sally Coleman)** Wendy Riddle, sister of Sandy Weekes ** Cathy Kovi** Sandy McCume** Betsy-Sue Eisenman**Janice Frey**David Lick**Those around the world who live in areas of conflict and war.



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At the First Congregational Church, UCC of Wallingford, CT, we have discerned the following vision and mission for our faith lives together:

Vision

Our faith – rooted in the compassion and teachings of Jesus Christ – is the foundation of our love for one another and service to the world around us.

We offer a home for those seeking deeper meaning or purpose in their lives through the exploration of Jesus Christ's teachings. The love and compassion found in those teachings commit us to up lift each individual and celebrate our shared humanity.

Mission

We will foster spiritual growth, loving communication, and mutual care, thereby empowering us to confront issues that impact our community and the world, including poverty, isolation, and exclusion.

We commit to developing a nurturing environment where all are loved, valued, and inspired to meaningful participation in the life of the church. Through our Christian faith, compassion, and service, we will dedicate ourselves to making a positive impact on the lives of people in our community and beyond.

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First Congregational Church



November 10, 2024

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

November 10, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *O God Beyond All Praising*
Robert Buckley Farlee

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *We Thank Thee*
Dietrich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: What joy it is to have you here today!

P: We have come from very busy lives, filled both with joys and difficulties.

L: Welcome to this place in which God will ease your burdens and celebrate your joys with you.

P: We have come to find hope and peace in our lives.

L: Whatever has happened this week in your life, know that God is with you and offering you peace, rest and blessing.

P: Thanks be to God who accepts us as we are, and thanks for the warm welcome in this service of worship. AMEN.

+HYMN Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise PGM # 7

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Lord of all, the nations are yours. The poor are your treasured ones—widows, orphans, the aliens you protect. Your justice reigns over all. Forgive us when our ways devour your beloved. We don't mean to cause harm, yet we do. Forgive us when we consume more than our fair share, all the while knowing that our excesses deny the poor the things they need to live. Forgive us for building bigger closets, and not clothing the naked. Forgive us for vacationing in

leisure, when others simply need a place to rest. May your justice and grace reign forever. Amen.

MOMENT OF QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Carol Conrad, Brian Neves, Kirsten Hollingsworth, Kim Mansfield, and Cheryl Norko

RESPONSE Welcome to the Family Debby Kerner Rettino

READING FROM SCRIPTURE I Kings 17:8-16

ANTHEM *Lord, Here I Am*
John Ness Beck/Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE - Enough

HYMN They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
(insert) CHL #494

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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 forever. Amen**

CALL TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY I Choose Love
Mark A. Miller/Chancel Choir

+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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah PGM # 93

+COMMISSION AND BLESSING

RESPONSE *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee* PGM # 418

POSTLUDE *Toccata in D Minor* Johann Jacob Froberger

Announcements

Welcome to the First Congregational Church of Wallingford! If you are visiting with us this morning, we extend a special welcome and greeting to you. First Church is a part of the United Church of Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Janet Meltabarger by Holly and Steve Francke.

Serving the church today: Lois Doherty, Steve and Cathy Knight, Bruce and Katherine Ollodart, Ushers. Tony Annunziata, Liturgist. Debbie Clark, Chimes.

You will not want to miss the Choral Sermon **Our Father, A Journey Through the Lord's Prayer next Sunday**, November 17 at the 10 am service. Join our Chancel Choir and a host of guest musicians for this special musical opportunity!

CHRISTMAS CARD CONNECTION

LAST TIME for writing Christmas cards to Special people associated to our Church. This Tuesday, November 22th from 10am-11:30am. In Congregational Hall. For questions please call Sandy Weekes 203-233-7269.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24, we will welcome **the Rev. Dr. Sue Foster as our Guest Preacher. Thanksgiving Potluck** will follow! Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert.

Our **Christmas Fair** is just a month away, December 6-7. There are many ways to enjoy getting involved. Donation request slips for crafting items are on the Fair table. There are one hour crafting workshops every Sunday after church with no skill needed and all (12+) are invited to help. Contact Fair Coordinator: Lorraine Westervelt 203-257-6964 with questions, offers, ideas, thoughts.

Today on this **Veteran's Day** weekend, we offer our deepest gratitude to those who have courageously and selflessly served our country.

Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor
Dr. Jeanette Gross, Minister of Music
Ms. Maureen Czentnar, Office Manager
Mr. Tony Annunziata, Sexton
Ms. Maddie Torre, Coordinator Sunday School
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